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My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of Liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

—Smith.

Much to our surprise, each year, we have had called to our attention one or two “mix-ups” regarding board membership.

Many people do not know that the associations only nominate for Board membership, whereas, the Convention elects members to its own Board. The election for a regular term is for three years. A regular schedule to set up on a three-year basis.

Trouble frequently comes from ignorance at this point. Sometimes, a deliberate disregard is manifest for the established order. In this case there is danger of inciting ill-feeling, contempt for the Convention and Board, and creating a bit of chaos in the King's business.

Again, frequently, someone fails to pass the name of the association nominee to the Convention committee. The Convention constitution suggests an order at this point.

This year two mistakes in Central Mississippi have already been called to our attention. A spirit of real magnanimity has been shown. Thus order is restored.

Last year one “mix-up” was called to our attention from South Mississippi, and the year before one from North Mississippi.

In Neshoba County, the first year of our pastorate, we nominated Brother John Breland for Board membership. He refused and nominated us. We later found he was the Convention elected member. If Dr. Gunter remembers it at all he will tell you we gladly yielded.

More important than being a Board member is being RIGHT! Right with God! Right with fellowmen! Right inside one's own heart! Right!

Mrs. L. C. Bradley, former Student Secretary at Blue Mountain College, spent a week-end on the campus. Her visit was a source of much happiness for both the faculty and the students because Miss Mary D., as the girls love to call her, will never cease to have a place in the spirit of B. M. C. As she spoke in prayer meeting at Broach Hall, which is the realization of her dreams and planning for a Student Building, old and new girls were thrilled by the power of her message.

Seven were baptized last Sunday night in the Hollandale church. These have come in the regular services the last few weeks. This church is to have The Baptist Record in its budget beginning January 1.

Superintendent of Army Camp Work Alfred Carpenter has completed five itinerant trips covering the entire Southern Baptist Convention territory, excepting the Gulf Coast centers from Mobile to Brownsville.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of army camp work, reports plans to have evangelistic campaigns in the camps in which campaigns he will enlist the cooperation of leading pastors whose work will be on a purely volunteer basis.

In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are 104 Negro colleges, the majority of whose students are Baptists, according to Dr. Noble Y. Beall, Home Mission Board field secretary in charge of the Negro work.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.—Psalm 18:2.

Down To Sea In Ships

“They that go down to the sea in ships . . . these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.”—Psalm 107:23-24.

In a simple little living room in a modest home in Jackson, the reunited family of Lawrence Sills, Jr., who was one of the survivors of the destroyer Reuben James recently sunk in the waters off the coast of Iceland, gathered and talked of the providence of God, His love and care, during the tragic days they have been passing through. Young Sills truly is one of “those who go down to the sea in ships . . . and see His wonders in the deep.”

“If it had not been for our faith in God, and the assurance that our boy was a Christian, I do not believe I could have lived through those days of waiting and kept my reason,” said his mother. Together they recalled the last talk they had before he went away to the Navy,—in the very living room they now occupied,—and how Lawrence had told his mother he “would be just as close to God on a ship, as in Jackson, Miss.,” and urged her “not to worry, for if anything should happen, he was ready to go.” How the memory of those words glowed in her heart to lighten the dark hours of the waiting, brought words of gratitude to God to her lips. Her heart softened in sympathy for all mothers, it was her earnest message that they seek to win their boys to the Saviour before they go away to the service. Indeed, she includes the boys of all nations and the mothers of every race whose hearts have felt what she has. Her message is a testimony of a great faith.

Appreciating this fact, young Sills paid a wonderful tribute to a Christian home and a mother with faith in God and His Word.

He told of the difficulties that come and the temptations that face the boys. But the fact that his mother had “always worked and done her best to bring him up to run with the right crowd” held him in line through the months. He would remember what she had taught him. And it was his strength and shield. “Then,” he added, “there are always others who want to do right, and sometimes quite a few would go with me when the crowd would part company. And we could always have fun without getting in the wrong crowd. There are always good and bad to be found, and a boy can choose the good.” He added that it is not easy, however, to be an out-and-out Christian, owing to the ridicule and fun others offer. Yet, he found they held a certain respect for his scruples, and never seemed to dislike him even though they outwardly “made fun,” and called Christians “sissy.”

The torpedo struck in the early morning before dawn, and in the icy waters in the darkness, after he was separated from his fellows, as he clung to the frill raft, an empty munitions box, alone on the face of the waters, his life was resting in God's hand. In it all he said he had the feeling that he was coming out safely, his faith never failed him. “In fact,” he added, “on the destroyers they all knew that they were in the power of One beyond man, all the time.”

Not much public reference does he make to the awful experience—the frost-bitten face, the shock of the explosion, the chill of the icy waters, the grief over loss of dear friends, especially his bunk mate. The name of “Jim” is often on his lips. He had come by to see Jim's father and mother at Chattanooga on his way home, to tell them what he could of his last days on earth. The thing that seemed to bring some comfort to the bereaved parents was the fact that Jim never had to suffer,

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Our Fathers' God! To Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

—Smith.

Tragic hours are upon us. No man may speak authoritatively for a Baptist. We would not try. We do dare to say about them, however, that Baptists have been and will be among those at the forefront in defense of home and country, and in the fight for freedom unencumbered, political, and most of all religious. We have not felt as critical as some regarding those who expressed opinions contrary to government leadership. However, the time is upon us when all true Americans may pursue but one course—that course is one of unity, love, loyalty and solidarity.

Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, Home Mission Board, reports 960 conversions and 299 baptisms on mission fields in the homeland from the 171 Vacation Bible schools held during the summer.

In the midst of this present world turmoil we are witnessing the greatest changes in the Jewish attitudes toward Christ that the world has ever known. In recent years we have begun to hear a chorus of voices of Jewish leaders vying with one another in their appraisal of Jesus.—Jacob Gartenhaus.

The Home Mission Board announces the publication of a new graded series of mission study books on Cuba to be ready for sale January 1, 1942.

“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth more labourers into his harvest.” Matt. 9:38.

Ethics works both ways. An occasional brother demands that everybody have due regard for him. In turn, however, he is not so careful about attacking and attempting to disrupt the ministry of others. Ethics as concerning our relationships is and should be a reciprocal affair. “In honour preferring one another.”

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Psalm 37:5.

Improve: Improve Church, Marion, has called Rev. J. B. Ray of Lexie as pastor for full time.

Rev. J. O. Chappell of Columbia has been called as full-time pastor at New Hope Church, Marion County.

Poplarville: Rev. James T. Horton of Benton, La., has been extended a call by the Poplarville Baptist Church. If he accepts he will succeed Dr. L. E. Green, who recently went to Pascagoula as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

A member of the Clinton Church writes: Our pastor has displayed again the real shepherd heart. He had announced for Sunday night a sermon that would have of necessity “dug deep” but after war fell upon our land during the day and the hearts of the people were troubled, he changed his message. He preached on “He Is Able” and gave strength to all the congregation by calling them to remembrance of the mighty Savior, the great Teacher who seeks the souls of men.

We are this week mailing out envelopes to all churches for the soldier offering. Surely our churches will do the generous thing by this particular work. The Convention set a goal of \$25,000.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.—Psalm 20:7.

WILL IT PAY OFF?

More than once, the question comes, with reference to our work with and among the soldiers in our Mississippi camps: "Will it pay?" or "What can we expect in return for monies put into this type of work?" Don't misunderstand friends, these and other similar questions have not been thus framed but the thought was intimated.

I wish I could answer fully and satisfactorily. I wish I knew. I wish I fully knew the heart of God. I don't.

Only since the first of October have I had the privilege of working in this connection. The time has been short. No definite program has been offered. In fact, there is none as yet. It is in the making and will be made as needs present themselves and opportunity opens the way.

But "will it pay" is yet to be answered. In dollars and cents? Hardly! In swelling church memberships? Probably yes, probably no! But in moral and spiritual uplift, yes!

To illustrate: One of your state evangelists brought a message not long since to a large gathering of soldiers. On return to their quarters, six or eight were gathered around one of the bunks, talking of things religious. One chap, ailing from an illness, said: "Fellows, come over here to my cot. I like to talk about religion also." This the boys did. Their discussion was concerning those who have never heard the Gospel, and of their future state. Finally one said: "I suggest that we meet two nights hence, bring our Bibles and see what it says. At the appointed time these boys came with their Bibles, along with a larger group who had heard of the coming study. For an hour or more they read God's word and studied the Bible. That sermon paid off.

Another illustration will also help. Recently one of your evangelists gave three soldiers a lift into town. When the boys got out of the car, as is the custom of this evangelist, he handed the boys a copy of the Gospel of John, asking that they read and heed. About a week after this incident, on another trip into town from the camp, a young man was given a lift. He was quiet, studious, thoughtful. When asked if anything was troubling him, he said: "Aren't you the man who gave me a lift a few days ago?" "Yes," answered the preacher. "Well," said the soldier, "you sure spoiled

an evening's entertainment for me." "Why so?" asked the preacher. And this is the answer: "I came into town that evening to celebrate. My two companions and I were going to do some drinking and then go out to a dance hall. When you put that little Bible in my hands it was like a hot iron. I tried to forget it. I wanted to put it down somewhere but could not. Then I got to thinking of Mama and what she had told me to do. I sat in the bus station a while, trying to get my consent to 'raise Cain' but couldn't. Finally I got on the bus and went back to camp early. I read the Gospel all the way back to camp. I appreciate what you did for me that day. And I have resolved that if I was to be a man at all, I should be a decent one." That paid also.

Five hundred in one group, three hundred in another, 125 in another and numerous smaller groups make up some of the soldiers I have had the privilege of preaching to. Possibly more than 100 have asked for prayer. Thirty-seven have trusted Christ as a result of personal conferences.

I don't know whether they have united with a local church or not. But one must understand something of these boys' background to realize what we are up against. They have come from northern states where many, many kinds of isms, creeds, churches and religious organizations are to be found. We are not out to proselyte them. We want to be of the greatest help possible. We can win them to Christ, we can give them good literature, we can pass out Testaments and Gospels of John but we have very little opportunity to follow up.

They are some mother's boy, some father's pride and joy, some girl's sweetheart. Some are derelicts, some are fine and noble and some are shiftless. But whether my boy is the cream of the crop or the scum of the earth, I would appreciate whatever help someone might give him if and when the opportunity presents itself.

Let's help them. Let us not count returns in dollars and cents. Let us not count the cost. Christ did not. He gave the best He had for the vilest of us. Shall we forget?

M. E. PERRY,
State Evangelist.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"A RIGHT OUTLOOK"

A problem that every pastor continually has with himself is to keep a right outlook. No pastor can succeed unless he steadfastly keeps his face set toward his Captain, Christ. A great many of those who fail, fail because their true perspective is not what it ought to be.

The Apostle Peter, as he walked on the water to Jesus, began to sink in the very presence of the Lord because he took his eyes off the Master and began to look at himself and the stormy sea about him.

Pastors begin to sink when the focus of their attention is diverted from Christ and the main issues of their ministry to the work of appeasing pouters, playing nursemaid to spiritual babies, cumbering themselves with one thousand and one small matters that weight them down.

Each of us lives in a many-sided tower. If we look in one direction we can see only trouble, difficulty and discouragement. If we look in another direction we can see only hypocrisy, indifference and worldliness. Yes, these things exist. All of us have them. The pastor needs continually to keep his face turned toward the Lord. Those who keep their eyes on Jesus go upward and forward. The going will be strenuous, difficult and dangerous. But when we do this we cannot fail.

—BR—

This has been a good month at Second Avenue, Laurel. Had three additions last night for baptism making a total of 16 additions for the month. Sixty-four subscribed to The Baptist Record yesterday and more will. One of the best days was Nov. 23, when a group of soldiers from Camp Shelby were our guests. We had them in our homes and Chaplain Ritchie and his choir had charge of our night service. Finances are better than ever. These are happy days for us.—C. W. Thompson.

ADMINISTRATORS OF GOD'S ESTATE

By J. D. GREY, Pastor, First Baptist Church—New Orleans, La.

HELPFUL
SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 27:30-32; Malachi 3:7-12; Matthew 23:23. (Please read carefully also every scripture reference made in this lesson.)
"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Malachi 3:10.

Introduction: The ideal citizen of the heavenly kingdom is described in the Bible as a trustee and administrator of God's estate. He is never an owner, but a steward. When Christians grasp this lofty conception, the whole attitude toward promoting the kingdom of God will be completely revolutionized. It is then we realize that time, talent, body, mind, money, houses and lands are held in sacred trust and must always be faithfully administered for the glory of God, the real owner of the estate.

I. THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE GOD TO BE THE REAL OWNER OF ALL MATERIAL SUBSTANCE.

1. The ownership of God must be firmly fixed in our minds first of all.
2. The earth is the Lord's—Psalms 24:1; 50:10.
3. Riches and honor come of Him.—I Chronicles 29:11-14.
4. All wealth is His.—Haggai 2:9; Gen. 1:1; Gen. 14:22; I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

All wealth grows out of material substance. God created it out of nothing. Thus His ownership cannot be questioned because He brought it into being. These scriptures prove God to be the exclusive owner of all things. Even the steward himself is bought with redemption's price.

II. THE SCRIPTURES SHOW THAT GOD SUPPLIES THE POWER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL SUBSTANCE.

1. God gives the power to get wealth—Deuteronomy 8:11, 17, 18; I Corinthians 4:7; Isaiah 1:2.
- The Scriptures warn us against forgetfulness of God who gives power to get wealth. History abounds with tragic stories of men who received God's blessings, became rich and forgot Him. It is pitiful to see man who is a debtor to God boasting as if he had not received it. With what sharp teeth of ingratitude we bite the bounteous hand which feeds and sustains us.

III. THE SCRIPTURES SHOW THAT GOD ENDORSES THE TITHE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP OF MATERIAL SUBSTANCE.

1. Tithing was commenced by Abraham—Gen. 14:18-20.
2. It was continued by Jacob—Gen. 28:22.
3. It was confirmed by Moses—Leviticus 27:30-32. (It will be noted that both Abraham and Jacob tithed before there was any "law of Moses." They had a "law of love" in their hearts.)
4. It was commanded by Malachi—Mal. 3:8-10.

5. It was commended by Jesus—Matt. 23:23. See also Hebrews 7:8.

IV. THE TITHE AS A MINIMUM HAS NEVER BEEN ABOLISHED.

1. It is the "proportionate giving" of the N. T.—I Cor. 16:2. When tithing was then being practiced on every side the only proportion that had ever been generally recognized was the tithe.
2. The widow who gave her two mites gave her all. While Jesus approved this there is no record that He ever approved less than the tithe.
3. The Lord expects more, not less, from Christians who savor by Grace than the Jews who were under law. Matt. 5:20.

V. IN THE SCRIPTURES GOD SPECIFIES THE WINNING CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIS ESTATE.

1. Self-dedication.—2 Corinthians 8:5.
2. Voluntaryness.—Exodus 25:2; 2 Cor. 8:3.
3. Purposefulness.—2 Cor. 9:7.
4. Cheerfulness.—2 Cor. 9:7.
5. Love.—I Corinthians 13:3.

IV. IN THE SCRIPTURES GOD PRESENTS IMPELLING REASONS FOR THE RIGHT ADMINISTRATION OF HIS ESTATE.

1. The Example of Jesus.—2 Corinthians 8:9. Riches inestimable were at the disposal of our Lord, yet He impoverished Himself that others might be enriched. This is the mission of His followers in the promotion of His Kingdom. The operation of this principle in the lives of church members would solve all problems and bring rich spiritual blessings.
2. The tragic example of deception.—Acts 5:1-3.
3. Rich rewards and blessings which God has promised—Proverbs 3:9, 10; Malachi 3:10, 11; 2 Corinthians 9:6.

—ARKANSAS BAPTIST.

**Report of the Nominating Committee of the
Mississippi Baptist Convention
Board Members**

Terms to Expire in 1942

Association	Representative	Address
Bolivar	J. J. Burson	Shelby
Calhoun	J. W. T. Siler	Calhoun City
Clay	J. A. Stewart	West Point
Chickasaw	S. P. Andrews	Houlka
Choctaw	H. L. Rhodes	Ackerman
Clarke	N. A. Edmonds	Shubuta
Coldwater	W. D. Gooch	Hernando
Columbus	J. D. Franks	Greenville
Deer Creek	J. D. Davis	Greenville
Franklin	W. W. Kyzar	Meadville
Hinds-Warren	W. A. Hewitt	Jackson
Gulf Coast	G. C. Hodge	Biloxi
Jackson	J. F. Brock	Moss Point
Kemper	W. E. Hardy	Scooba
Lafayette	F. M. Purser	Oxford
Leake	P. D. Bragg	Carthage
Madison	C. Z. Holland	Canton
Mississippi	S. G. Pope	Summit
Neshoba	R. K. Corder	Philadelphia
Noxubee	R. D. Pearson	Macon
Pike	J. B. Quinn	Summit
Pontotoc	B. B. Hilbun	Pontotoc
Smith	D. W. Moulder	Forest
Union County	Varda Smith	New Albany
Copiah	Mark Lowry	Wesson
Covington	Mack Jones	Collins

Terms to Expire in 1943

Attala	R. C. Holcomb	Kosciusko
Carroll	L. D. Sellers	Carrollton
George	F. J. Eubanks	Lucedale
Greene	W. E. Stewart	Leakesville
Grenada	G. E. Wiley	Grenada
Holmes	Madison Flowers	Goodman
Jasper	W. L. Shoemaker	Bay Springs
Jeff Davis	W. L. Holcomb	Prentiss
Jones	E. D. Hurst	Laurel
Lauderdale	W. B. Abel	Meridian
Lawrence	B. E. Phillips	New Hebron
Lebanon	S. E. Travis	Hattiesburg
Lee	F. V. McFatridge	Plantersville
Leflore	C. J. Olander	Morgan City
Lincoln	S. H. Jones	Brookhaven
Monroe	J. M. Walker	Aberdeen
Montgomery	Joseph Flowers	Winona
Panola	Walton E. Lee	Como
Pearl River	S. P. Powell	Carriere
Scott	A. B. Wood	Forrest
Tate	H. L. Martin	Senatobia
Winston	W. L. Day	Louisville

Terms to Expire in 1944

Alcorn	J. O. White	Corinth
Benton	W. B. May	Ashland
Itawamba	R. G. Graham	Guntown
Marion	F. K. Horton	Columbia
Marshall	Edwin L. Byrd	Holly Springs
New Liberty	Charlie Morgan	Stonewall
Newton	H. H. Bethune	Newton
Oktibbeha	J. D. Ray	Starkville
Terry	T. R. Coulter	Richton
Prentiss	C. E. Patch	Baldwyn
Rankin	W. H. Wood	Brandon
Riverside	B. Frank Smith	Lyon
Sunflower	Nat Tracy	Ruleville
Tallahatchie	J. R. G. Hewlett	Charleston
Tippah	J. B. Parker	Ripley
Tishomingo	A. M. Shook	Tishomingo
Union	L. R. Polk	Port Gibson
Walthall	W. R. Cooper	Tylertown
Wayne	W. A. Greene	Waynesboro
Yalobusha	Kermit Cofer	Water Valley
Yazoo	D. I. Young	Eden
Zion	J. B. Dorroh	Slate Springs
Simpson	G. O. Parker	Magee

Brother W. W. James, prominent layman of Newton, came by to remind us that "the property on which the ministerial cottages at Clarke College are located has matured into a tax title to the town of Newton from paving and sewerage taxes. Other portions of the College properties are also involved. These matters must be cleared before Convention instructions may be carried out regarding transfer to the Ministerial Board."

Southern Baptist Home Missions has reached a circulation of 59,000, a gain of 15,000 as compared with a circulation of 44,464 in 1940.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

Having presented many reports made to the Convention, we now present the bulk of the proceedings of the Convention, including the committees doing most of the work.

The President appointed the following Committee on Committees: W. R. Hunter, G. E. Wiley, Jas. B. Leavell, R. A. Morris, J. S. Riser, Jr., A. S. Johnston, J. A. Barnhill.

The Committee on Committees made partial report naming the following committees:

On Christian Education—O. P. Estes, C. Z. Holland, W. L. Compere, E. L. Byrd, W. R. Cooper, G. C. Hodge, A. A. Ward.

On Review of Convention Board's Report—W. L. Meadows, J. H. Street, J. D. Thompson, Claude B. Bowen, W. C. Howard, J. B. Smith, D. A. Hogan.

On Review of Social Service Report—S. H. Jones, D. W. Moulder, B. T. Bishop, F. K. Horton, George Causey, J. A. Stewart, George Gay, B. W. Walker, Niles Puckett.

On Resolutions—A. B. Pierce, Ira D. Eavenson, L. G. Gates, S. G. Pope, S. E. Sumrall, L. E. Green, R. D. Pearson.

The Committee on Committees made an additional report naming the following committees:

On Time, Place and Preacher—W. A. Sullivan, Owen Williams, Jack Cranford, J. R. Eubanks, Reed Polk, Dewey Wallace and J. L. Boyd.

On Nominations—B. B. Hilbun, Mark Lowry, J. W. T. Siler, N. J. Lee, J. B. Middleton, W. L. Holcomb and J. H. Pennebaker.

On Order of Business—T. W. Talkington, I. E. Rouse, W. E. Green, C. W. Thompson and J. R. Collins.

On Radio Broadcasting—Claude Bowen, D. S. Haworth, J. D. Franks, Norman Cox and H. T. Brookshire.

On Aged Ministers Relief—C. J. Olander, J. B. Flowers and A. L. O'Bryant.

On Church Music—A. E. Pardue, W. L. Ball, Fred Scholfield, Frank McDonald and Robert Cooper.

On Absentee Members—C. C. Jones, W. S. Allen, J. C. Brantley, L. W. Ferrell and Judson Chastain.

The Committee on Committees recommended the appointment of the following committee to compose a permanent Bequest Committee—O. B. Taylor, Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, W. G. Mize, L. T. Lowrey, D. M. Nelson, G. M. McWilliams and Freeman E. May.

In the election of officers of the convention H. L. Martin nominated R. B. Gunter for president and he is unanimously elected. B. Simmons nominated M. P. L. Berry for first vice-president and he is elected. J. M. Metts nominated J. H. Street for second vice-president who is elected. Norman Cox nominated Walton E. Lee for recording secretary and he is elected.

The following report was made by O. P. Estes on behalf of the Committee on Review of the Education Commission's report which was adopted:

**Report of the Committee on the Review of the
Report of the Education Commission**

Each year increases the need for leaders with a Christian education, therefore this is not the time to lessen our emphasis on Christian education. When the discord and conflict of the nations shall cease the opportunity and obligation of Christian leadership will be tremendous.

We note an increase in receipts for Christian Education amounting to \$45,534.47 and a total of \$99,021.63. This is largely due to the untiring efforts of our Executive Secretary, Rev. D. A. McCall, Mr. Frank Skilton, Rev. H. T. McLaurin and Rev. Gains Hightower in the promotion of the Now Club. This makes possible the calling of all bonds that would mature even up to and through 1947, the nice sum of \$106,460.00.

We wish to commend the administration of Blue Mountain College for lending Mr. Frank Skilton to the State Convention Board to direct the organization of the Now Club. The committee desires also to commend the college for its efficient administration, as reflected in its report. We note with gratification, that the enrollment reached 490 different students, including the summer school enrollment.

The committee recognizes the splendid report of Clarke College made by President Freeman E. May. We believe that the property is being used to the best possible advantage at a minimum cost to the Convention. It is observed that the \$1,000 given the college

last year has been used to improve the property rather than for operation. We most heartily approve the resolution offered by Rev. J. W. Lee to give the college another \$1,000 for this session, if the funds are available.

In reviewing the report of Mississippi College, we note with feeling the loss by death of Dr. M. O. Patterson, who so efficiently served the college, the denomination and our Lord, for more than a quarter of a century.

We note also the loss by retirement of Dr. J. W. Provine, a teacher and president of the college for 48 years. He is indeed a great Christian layman and kingdom servant. We wish to assure him of our continued love and appreciation.

We commend the board of trustees and faculty, for maintaining the high academic and spiritual standard. They have and are carrying on in spite of the fact that several members of the faculty have been called into military service. The \$13,027.57 given for scholarship service, indicates a growing interest in a splendid field of opportunity and need.

Your committee is gratified to observe the new service rendered by the faculty and students of all our colleges, in summer camps, youth revivals, and all forms of local church work.

In reviewing the brief report of the Woman's College, not operating at present, we see, with pleasure, the wise, efficient management of the college property, by the Board of Trustees. It is seen that the property is in fair condition, and that it is producing a revenue, with which the indebtedness of the institution is being liquidated. It is anticipated, that, at the present basis of earnings, both from the endowment, which is being kept intact, and the rentals from the property, the entire indebtedness will be paid within about three years.

It is the judgment of the committee, in light of present conditions, that it is wise to continue the use of the college property as it is now being used.

We sincerely hope the three items of interest (??), small as they are, about which there is not perfect agreement, and which have related facts dating back through the proceedings of several years, will not be discussed on the Convention floor, but referred to a committee of three or five, which committee will make its report as soon as possible to the State Mission Board.

Signed by the committee:

O. P. ESTES,
WM. LOWREY COMPERE,
W. R. COOPER,
G. C. HODGE,
EDWARD L. BYRD,
A. A. WARD,
C. Z. HOLLAND.

The Board's Operations in Mississippi

In Mississippi more than 290 churches and more than 173 pastors are participating in the Board's major annuity plan known as the Convention Ministers Retirement Plan.

In Mississippi there are 58 beneficiaries in the Relief Department and 40 beneficiaries in the Annuity Plans of the Board, or a total of 98 beneficiaries. Of this number eight beneficiaries are in the Ministers Retirement Plan, 30 are in the (old) Annuity Fund, one in the Baptist Board Employees' Retirement Plan, none in the Orphanages' Plan, one in the Service Annuity Plan, none in the Savings Annuity plan and none in the Special Annuity Plan, none in the Savings Annuity and none in the Special Annuity Department.

The total benefits for the Relief Department in Mississippi for 1941 aggregate approximately \$2,700.00, and the total annuities aggregate on the annual basis approximately \$14,925.84. The combined total of Relief and Annuity benefits aggregate approximately \$17,625.84. OF THIS TOTAL THE 8 BENEFICIARIES OF THE MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN ARE RECEIVING ON THE ANNUAL BASIS \$3,910.92.

Deadline—June 30, 1942

After June 30, 1942 no minister applying for membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan will be eligible to receive prior service credits. At present and until that date ministers who participate in the plan receive credit for the years of service behind them sufficient to make up for the 25 years of service upon retirement after age 65.

Recommendations

(1) We recommend, as has been done before, that special contribution be taken at least once a year (Continued on Page Six)

EDITORIALS

WHO IS GOD'S CHOICE?

By B. B. Hilbun

The pastor of any Baptist church, whether city or country, large or small, rich or poor, occupies a position of tremendous importance. It is understood that he is in the ministry because of a call from God. It is assumed that his messages are from God. The very nature of his ministry and position opens doors, ears, eyes, hearts and opportunities for the projection of his life and personality into the lives of his people. Hence, his thoughts, ideals and conceptions, however expressed, will exert tremendous influence. And when any Baptist church is pastorless and begins to take steps to call a pastor that church faces a great crisis. A crisis arises because of the danger of selfish interests coming in to dethrone God's will. We regret to have to say that in some cases some ministers have had a share in the creation of some of these crises.

Likewise, the editor of a state denominational paper occupies a place of even greater importance because of the extent and scope of his ministry. In Mississippi he finds the doors of approximately 25,000 homes opened to his voice through the printed page each week. His thoughts, ideals and conceptions will exert a great influence upon the future leaders of the denomination. And we assert with equal conviction that when a denomination loses the editor of its denominational paper and takes steps to select another editor for the paper, that denomination faces a crisis of even greater magnitude than that faced by a pastorless church. This crisis exists chiefly because selfish interest rises up to express itself and the will of God is not sought.

The question is: "Who is the man of God's choice?" This question is important to a church looking for a pastor. It is certainly an important question today when the thoughts of Mississippi Baptists are directed to the selection of an editor for The Baptist Record. There is one thing of which we are convinced. Mississippi Baptists selected the right man to edit The Baptist Record when they asked Dr. P. I. Lipsey to take over the responsibility 30 years ago.

We believe in a God-called ministry. We believe also in a God-directed ministry. Some how we feel that the members of the State Convention Board will seek to know the will of God when the choice of an editor for The Baptist Record is made. The writer would have it understood that he is not a candidate for the position. Neither is he campaigning for or against anyone. But he feels the urge to give utterance to a few things bearing on the selection of an editor for The Baptist Record.

A bit of Scripture found in 1 Samuel 16:6-13 has gripped us and we feel that it might be read with profit by each of us Board members in this connection. We are aware that every detail here recorded in the selection of a king for Israel cannot be made to apply equally to the selection of an editor, but God does give us some very pertinent things to consider in this incident. We make a few observations for consideration:

1. God had chosen a man to be king of Israel. We are of the opinion that God has His own man for the editorship of The Baptist Record.
2. Men need to exercise great care in the selection of leaders. They can make a grave mistake very easily in making the wrong choice. Jesse nominated seven of his sons for the kingship of Israel, but not one of these proved to be God's choice. It is possible for the members of the Convention Board to make a grave mistake in the selection of an editor of The Baptist Record.
3. God looks to the heart of a man in making His choice. Men may mention any number of things none of which may be acceptable to the Lord in choosing a leader.
4. We can find out who God's man is if we want to do so.
5. In the light of Scriptural teachings there is no place given for politics and modern campaigning if the will of God is ascertained and God's man chosen for the place.
6. God designated David to be king even though

LET GOD CALL THE MAN

By Frank E. Skilton

In my humble judgment our editor should be spiritual, scholarly, courageous, tolerant (as defined in God's Word), a real leader, and a man of Christian character.

He should believe without reservation in the virgin birth, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection, and the inerrancy of God's Word. He should believe that there is a direct connection between Calvary and the sinner, that Christ's sacrifice is expiatory and not merely exemplary.

A brilliant man is not enough; if so, H. L. Mencken would meet the requirements.

Neither is goodness alone sufficient.

A tolerant man with a flair for broadmindedness would be undesirable. One can be so broadminded that he ceases to be highminded.

Our editor should be a man who would not feel that Christianity should be adapted to the follies and the fallacies of the present age. Pioneering in Christianity was done by Christ, Himself. The man chosen as our editor should feel that Christ's sacrifice and teachings are sufficient for our times and trends; should feel that the truth that has lasted thousands of years is good for life and eternity.

He should be a man who would not compromise with those who would modify Christ's divinity and deny the efficacy of his sacrifice.

Our editor should be courageous, fearing God only. He should rejoice in being judged by the enemies he might make in fearlessly proclaiming the truth.

He should be mentally and editorially alert and point out definitely any error in an article appearing in his paper.

He should not be a man who might, under stress, capitulate to expediency.

An editor has a more far-reaching influence than a pastor. His influence reaches into about twenty-five thousand homes in Mississippi. There is no need for haste in securing an editor. Time is but a brief span between two eternities. Without God's guidance no board, committee, or individual is competent to make this eternity-involving selection.

LET GOD CALL THE MAN.

—BR—

WHO IS TO BLAME?

"Why doesn't God stop this awful war?" said one woman to another as they huddled together in the underground air-raid shelter one night during the battle of London.

"God didn't start this awful war," said he neighbor quietly.

Shall we blame God now that men, who are violating every teaching and wish of God, have thrown the world into chaotic disaster? No, God is not to blame.

Those who have helped spread the gospel among the nations have been working to prevent just such evil days as now are here. It is possible that the situation might be worse, except for the spread of gospel as far as it has been sent in power into every land, during the generations past.

—BR—

Macon—We have just closed our meeting which began on the 19th. The Lord blessed us greatly. Rev. M. M. Fulmer, pastor at Uvalde, Texas, and a former Seminary mate of this preacher, brought the messages. There were ten additions. The church was greatly revived.—R. D. Pearson, pastor.

Friends of Pastor A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs, sympathize with him and his family in the homegoing of his mother. The funeral service was at Brookhaven last week.

Pastor W. H. Roberson, Brandon, reports his church there has voted an increase of thirty-three and one-third percent to Cooperative Program causes for 1942. The work progresses! He preached for Pastor G. O. Parker, Magee, Sunday.

David had not asked for the honor. Thus we must approach the selection of an editor with an open mind willing to follow where God leads.

If we believe in the leadership of the Holy Spirit let us for Christ's sake let Him direct us to the man of God's choice to be editor of The Baptist Record.

HOW CAN I CHOOSE BUT THEE?

By Robert Krumly

The heathen has a hundred thousand gods
Of brass and stone and clay,
But unto none can he address the words
"Our Father" when he kneels to pray.
I look on them. And then I look to Him
Who died on Calvary;
And when I come to make my choice, O Christ
How can I choose but Thee!

The skeptic hurls his challenge to the skies,
And writhes in hells of doubt;
By ridicule and futile reasoning
He hopes to wipe God out!
I hear him through. And then I hear a Voice
That offers peace to me;
And when I come to make my choice, O Christ,
How can I choose but Thee!

The pagan magnifies a Mindless World,
And searches there for rest—
But he is like an infant tugging at
A lifeless mother's breast!
He bids me choose his loveless god, and scorn
The God who cares for me;
But when I come to make my choice, O Christ,
How can I choose but Thee!

—Christian Observer.

—BR—

LIQUOR MAY BE LEGALIZED

"The state of Mississippi is in peril of having liquor legalized at the coming session of the legislature. The majority of the legislature is personally and politically dry, but it is possible that a number of the members may succumb to pressure from the liquor crowd. An attempt will be made to cut taxes and raise appropriations, and then say that a liquor tax is the only solution. There is more danger of liquor being legalized than there has ever been.

"The people of Mississippi do not want liquor legalized. They have sense enough to realize that that would solve none of the present problems and would create more. If the people will exert on their legislature legitimate pressure by letting them know how they stand, there will be no need to fear the result. Contact your senator and representatives before they go to Jackson, and let them know you are expecting them to vote right on this issue, and that their records on it will be remembered now and at the next election. When the issue comes up, which will probably not be with more than a day's notice, write or wire your legislators. A handwritten, personal letter is the most effective appeal. Any legislator receiving a hundred letters from his constituents will probably vote with them; often a dozen letters can change one's mind. If you are doubtful of your legislator's vote, come down and sit in the galleries during the vote.

"Baptists can do this—they have the membership and the influence. And they will be doing a service for national defense as well as for the Christian faith."

Appeal by Charles G. Hamilton, representative from Monroe County, and secretary of the House Temperance Committee.

—BR—

The men's Bible class in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, Rev. G. C. Hodge, teacher, has reached the "Standard" for organized classes.

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+ GOING PLACES +

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager



This picture shows tonsorial artist Jesse Gowdy, member of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church of Blue Mountain for forty-three years, cutting the hair of patron George W. Beswick of the Blue Mountain College faculty. Professor Beswick is reading THE BAPTIST RECORD, a copy of which is always in Mr. Gowdy's shop. Mr. Gowdy thinks it would be a splendid idea if churches in every town and city would have THE RECORD sent to the barber shops in their respective communities. He advises that he has seen men read THE RECORD in his shop, who, he is certain, seldom attend church services anywhere.

Mr. Gowdy says that since THE RECORD is not clipped with staples, several of his patrons can read parts of it at the same time just as a family reads a newspaper.

Proprietor Gowdy claims to be the only barber in North Mississippi who has conducted a barber shop thirty-seven years, consecutively, in the same place. He and his wife are loyal members of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. Mrs. Gowdy is active in all phases of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Remember the Soldier Boys Now

Every Baptist church that hasn't already done so, should send The Baptist Record to their members who are in military service. Every Family churches should add their names to the EVERY FAMILY list. Others should send the names, addresses and money to The Baptist Record.

Collins

To launch the financial campaign at Collins, Pastor Mack Jones recently had a banquet for the men of the church. Rev. C. C. Jones of Mendenhall delivered the inspirational address.

The Sunday School has almost reached the A-1 standard. Walter Hoff is making good as Sunday School superintendent. And the pastor declares that the W. M. U. led by Mrs. W. W. Bynum is one of the best. Additions come regularly. Miss Peggy Hawkins is to give part time as church secretary.

Covington County's Record readers are listed as follows: COLLINS 77; LEAF RIVER 34; MT. OLIVE 87; R. F. D. Mt. Olive 4; SALEM 96; SANFORD 28; SEMINARY 57; Pleasant Grove 2; New Hope 1.

Columbia

The work at Columbia led by Pastor F. K. Horton continues to go forward. There were four additions Sunday. Fifty dollars was given for Bibles for Russian prisoners. Another mission has been established. It will be called the Baptist Center.

Marion County has Baptist Record subscribers listed as follows: Bunker Hill 13; Columbia 11; NORTH COLUMBIA 15; East Columbia 1; KOMO 25; GREENVILLE 22.

Hernando

Pastor M. C. Whitten is constantly in demand as an evangelist. During the summer, in addition to Mississippi meetings, he held meetings in two Kentucky churches, Columbia and Middleburg. Hugh Foster is now in his 47th year as Sunday School superintendent. Macy Chambers leads the B. T. U. The W. M. U. continues to do good work under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. Williams. Church building notes are being paid in advance. The

church recently adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

DeSoto County's Record readers are listed as follows: COLDWATER 54; R. 4, Coldwater 1; EUDORA 64; HORN LAKE 31; Love 1; MACEDONIA 30; Olive Branch 8; OAK GROVE 11; HERNANDO 66; Nesbitt 1.

Houlka

Pastor S. P. Andrews plans to keep his congregation warm during the winter. They have recently installed a Butane gas system. Congregations continue good. Henning Andrews, J. O. Harwood and Mrs. K. M. Holliday are all doing good work in leading the B. T. U., Sunday School and W. M. U.

Chickasaw County's Baptist Record subscribers are listed as follows: HOULKA 36; HOUSTON 80; Okolona 5; Vardaman 3; Van Vleet 30; Woodland 2.

Winona

Led by Pastor J. B. Flowers, the winona Baptists have recently completed a seven-room annex. They expect to have enough money left to reroof the parsonage.

Montgomery County has the following Record readers: BETHLEHEM 20; Duck Hill 12; WINONA 61; Poplar Springs 1; Sweatman 1; Milligan Springs 6.

Goodman

At Goodman Pastor Maderors Flowers is happy over the steady progress. Three new deacons, G. J. Everett, R. N. (Ras) Branch and M. A. Ousley, were recently ordained.

A religious census has been completed and many prospects have been found.

Holmes County's Record readers are listed below: CENTRAL 12; CREEGER 18; R. F. D. Durant 2; DURANT 104; EBENEZER 19; GOODMAN 42; LEXINGTON 42; PICKENS 31; Springdale 14; TCHULA 40; WEST 28; Oregon 3; Mt. Vernon 1; Pleasant Ridge 1.

Christmas Opportunities

At the Christmas season many people make presents to others less fortunate. We list below some recent cases coming to our attention. They want and enjoy The Baptist Record but are unable to subscribe. Many who read this will want to send it to them. Adopt the case that appeals to you. Send one dollar and fifty cents for a year's subscription. Indicate the number of the case you wish to adopt:

No. 1: Elderly lady, faithful Baptist. Unable to work; income only a few dollars monthly.

No. 2: Elderly preacher. No longer able to preach, no income.

No. 3: Widow with two children to support. Small sewing jobs only means of support.

No. 4: Mother with three small children. Husband deserted and odd jobs only means of livelihood.

No. 5: Two elderly women without income.

Scooba

Dr. J. M. Cook, pastor at Scooba, is very much encouraged over the work at Scooba. The 116 Baptist students in the Junior College provides a challenging opportunity for the Scooba pastor. All organizations are functioning in high gear. Prof. H. G. Hawkins, Mrs. J. M. Cook and Prof. E. C. Crawford lead the Sunday School, W. M. U. and B. T. U.

Kemper County's Baptist Record subscribers are as follows:

BLACKWATER 35; BLUFF SPRINGS 26; DeKalb 10; Friendship 1; Scooba 16; West Kemper 1.

Roxie

Brother Kyzar is also pastor at Roxie. The work there is also on the upgrade. The State Mission offering totaled more than \$14.00.

Franklin County has Baptist Record subscribers as follows:

Auburn R. F. D. 1; Bude 3; Friendship 11; McCall Creek 6; MEADVILLE 43; O'ZION 28; ROXIE 72; Siloam 3; NEW SALEM 13; Quentin 5; Eddicton 1; Hamburg 1.

Richton

The word progress describes the work at Richton where Rev. T. R. Coulter is pastor. They have already paid one-half of their Now Club quota. Collections this year exceeded the budget. Paul Ball was pastor's assistant for the summer. Plans are being made for a third floor for the Sunday School building. The Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U. are led by J. W. Pope, Archie Moser and Mrs. C. C. Smith.

Perry County has Baptist Record subscribers listed as follows:

Beaumont 1; NEW AUGUSTA 58; Pleasant Hill 7; RICHTON 84.

Moss Point

Pastor J. F. Brock is happy over the fact that plans are being made for a new building at Moss Point. Three committees have been appointed. The chairmen are: Building, W. M. Alexander; Finance, K. W. Burnham; Planning, T. L. DeLashment. Additions come almost every Sunday and benevolence gifts show an increase over last year.

Jackson County's Record readers are listed as follows:

Ft. Bayou 2; KREOLE 40; MOSS POINT 48; Ocean Springs 2; PASCAGOULA 255; ESCATAWPA 30; RED CREEK UNION 25; EAST MOSS POINT 61; Spencer Memorial 2.

Ruleville

Dr. Nat Tracy, pastor, and Sunday School Superintendent H. Lee Harrison, are happy over the Sunday School progress at Ruleville. The Sunday School is Standard, they have an extra good adult department and the attendance has increased. Mrs. W. R. Skelton rejoices in leading the W. M. U. which is A-1. The B. T. U. has five unions with E. T. Fortenberry as director. The Brotherhood is doing good work with C. H. Aldridge as president.

Sunflower County's Record readers are listed as follows:

Bethany 5; BLAINE 9; DODDSVILLE 17; DOCKERY 15; DREW 95; FAIRVIEW 32; Indianola 17; INVERNESS 66; MOORHEAD 57; NEW HOPE 11; Rome 4; Roundaway 1; RULEVILLE 73; SUNFLOWER 58.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, THEORY AND PRACTICE

By

June Russell, Blue Mountain College Senior

I wonder what you think when you hear the words, "Christian education"? Is your brain inclined to say to you, "theoretically, Christian education is an ideal construction because you know that any system, educational or otherwise, founded on, constructed by, and administered according to the teachings of Christ is found to be ideal"? If so, I agree with you. In theory Christian education is an ideal construction.



But theory is no good unless it works, unless it is practiced. And with all my heart I can say Christian education is practiced on Blue Mountain College campus.

Many years ago when girls wore their hair braided, tied with two big bows, there was one particular girl who wanted very much to go to college. Her mother had died when she was a baby and as there were many other children in her family, her chances for a college education were slim. Somehow, though, she managed to enter Blue Mountain College and for five months she knew a happiness she had not known before. There she found girls who had the same Christian ideals and principles that she had, girls who practiced Christian living. There she came in contact with Mother Berry whose life made a definite impression on her own and whose influences instilled more deeply within her teachings she already tried to follow. In five months this young girl was called home to go to work, her college career ended almost before it started; but in that short time Christian education had done its work.

After working awhile, the young girl married and soon there came to that home a baby boy. Of course the young mother dreamed dreams for her son and for the family she hoped to have. She wanted so much to be able to give them what she had wanted and yet missed. She wanted her daughter to have four years of Blue Mountain College, and not just five months. But time passed and no daughter came. Years went by. The mother prayed to God to send her a daughter. Seven years after the first son was born this Christian mother gave birth to a baby girl—an answer to prayer.

These children and another son born later were brought up from childhood in an atmosphere of traditional Christianity. They read, learned, and digested the Bible. They went to Sunday School and church almost every Sunday, and there they heard and accepted the story of Jesus Christ and His power to save.

As the growing years for the children passed, the mother nursed the desire deep in her heart for her daughter to go to Blue Mountain. She even prayed that Mother Berry could live to influence her daughter as she herself had been influenced.

Time came for the daughter to go to college. She had literally grown up going to Blue Mountain, not because her mother had told her she had to go, but because as the years had passed and as she had heard her mother talk so much of Blue Mountain, she found she wanted to go. She was indeed an expectant student. She wanted to see what B. M. C. really was like and this is what she found:

Contrary to the ideas of most of the uninformed, she found that life on a Christian college campus was not just one long church service, but that life was carried on in an excitingly normal manner. She found that the girls were not long-faced Christians who dutifully went about their daily tasks, but were vivacious, capable, interesting Christian girls. The curriculum she found was certainly not dull, but consisted of anything a girl could possibly want, ranging from physics, math and chemistry to home economics. And activities, why there was something going on all the time—never a dull moment.

But the happy feature, the most delightful part of it all, she found that in spite of the normal, bustling, joyous, busy life there was about the campus an atmosphere of security, peace and love which means more than anything else to a college student. This atmosphere, she found, was derived

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

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in connection with the Lord's Supper. This contribution should be sent to the state headquarters and clearly marked "Fellowship Offering for Ministerial Relief." Contributions of this sort will supplement the contributions made through the Cooperative Program and will enable the Board to increase their benefits paid to aged ministers and their widows.

(2) We urgently recommend that provision be made in the wills of our people for a portion of their estates to go to the great cause fostered by the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas. This Board's work needs and deserves financial undergirding at the hands of Mississippi Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. OLANDER.

The report on the Baptist Hospital was made by A. B. Pierce, substituting for Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, the superintendent.

Report of Committee on Review of Social Service Report

We, your Committee on Review, beg to make the following report:

1. We have examined the service and financial reports of our hospital, orphanage, and committee on Aged Ministers Relief; and we commend all these on the excellent service which is reflected in these reports. We have also examined the report on temperance, submitted by Brother N. S. Jackson, and we are in hearty accord with the sentiment expressed therein.

2. We recommend:

(1) That special attention be called to the opportunity for service afforded by our hospital in the furnishing of rooms. Several of these are available, and the cost of each room is \$150.00. Individuals or churches will find these to be excellent memorials.

(2) That special emphasis be placed on the Thanksgiving and Mother's Day offerings for the Orphanage. Not only should we give more supplies than ever, but there is an unusually pressing need for a liberal cash offering.

(3) That churches be urged to take "fellowship offerings" for Ministerial Relief when the Lord's Supper is observed in April and October to supplement receipts from the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. MOULDER,
NILES PUCKETT.
J. A. STEWART,
B. T. BISHOP,
GEORGE CAUSEY,
S. H. JONES, Chairman.

The Committee on Committees named the following to compose the special committee asked for in the Requests Committee's report: J. D. Ray, A. S. Bozeman, Frank Montague, W. A. Bell and N. G. Hickman.

At the suggestion of H. L. Martin the Convention suspended the regular order for a special season of prayer led by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, the special prayer being of thanksgiving for the lives and faithful services of Brethren E. K. Cox, H. M. King, W. F. Yarbrough, J. N. McMillin and M. O. Patterson. On motion of W. L. Howse, Brother Martin is requested to send appropriate messages of sympathetic greetings to the families of these brethren.

from the fact that the girls, their classmates and friends knew the secret of real happiness—Christ—and tried to live day by day according to His teachings. The girls worked to keep that spirit dominant. They worked through the organizations of the church; the Sunday School, B. T. U., Y. W. A., the weekly prayer service and the regular Sunday morning service. They worked through a noonday prayer service of their own which meets every day in Broach Hall, a building built exclusively for religious activities. And finally they worked through encouraging the devotional life of each student.

The faculty and administration, the daughter found, not only shared the Christian ideals and privileges of the students but also practiced them. They were friends and not merely superiors.

Finally, she found personal attention for a well-rounded development, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, was bountifully bestowed on all students alike.

Yes, Christian education in theory ideal. But

even more ideal is Christian education in practice.

On motion of L. G. Gates, the recording secretary is instructed to insert a Memorial Page in the Annual each year on which shall be printed the names of deceased brethren who have been active in the work.

"Pastoral Help" was discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett, pointing out many places in the state where pastoral aid has been rendered by the State Board and the fruitful returns.

The Baptist Record was discussed by P. I. Lipsey and A. L. Goodrich.

On motion of A. L. Goodrich the secretary is instructed to insert a photograph of Brother Lipsey in the Annual.

The following resolutions by a committee appointed by the Convention Board on yesterday was read by the secretary and on motion which unanimously carried it is voted to become the voice and sentiment of the Convention:

WHEREAS, Dr. P. I. Lipsey has been editor of The Baptist Record for thirty consecutive years, and

WHEREAS, He has been unselfish and sacrificial in service and loyal to all our denominational institutions and work, and

WHEREAS, He has been a man of deep conviction on all moral issues and fearless in his stand against every evil force, and

WHEREAS, He was an able interpreter of the Bible and an ardent defender of the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and

WHEREAS, He, of his own accord, has tendered his resignation as editor of The Baptist Record;

BE IT RESOLVED: That, we, the State Mission Board, express our deepest appreciation for his long and efficient service.

That we assure him of our continued confidence and love, and wish him many more years of valuable service in whatever field he chooses to serve.

That we pray for the Father's bestowal of His richest blessings of grace upon him.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Dr. P. I. Lipsey and to The Baptist Record.

Signed:

G. O. PARKER,
MADISON FLOWERS, Committee.

—BR—

NESHOPA COUNTY

God has so graciously answered the prayers of a young preacher who wanted to go back to the red-clay hill country of Neshoba and preach to His followers there.

Following a grand summer's revival service, with Bro. W. B. Abel of Meridian doing the preaching, the meeting blessed with thirteen additions by faith and three by letter, the church at Neshoba called Rev. Riley Munday to pastor them for a year. We've completed a new brick church in eighteen months—save finishing work on the basement, and the church is already paid for. We want to grow in grace and numbers at Neshoba. Pray for us.

Rev. Munday is serving as supply pastor at Deemer until the church calls. Recently the church at Carthage Camp has called this young minister to serve them as pastor there. Two great fields of service. Churches enthusiastic. One addition at Carthage Camp by faith. Many unlisted. We need your prayers!

—BR—

Vernon Church, in Noxubee County, ordained Brothers Johnson Simmons and Ernest Kennedy as deacons last Sunday afternoon. The sermon was preached by Rev. M. M. Fulmer of Uvalde, Texas. Charges were given by Pastor R. D. Pearson. Deacons Hunter, Richardson and Priest of Macon were on the council. This church, without a pastor for months and having afternoon services now, has adopted her Now Club quota, and has the 1941 quota in sight. Mrs. J. F. Weaver is the church chairman. She is doing a great piece of work.—R. D. Pearson, pastor.

Mississippi Baptists greatly increased contributions to Chinese relief in 1941 over 1940. They showed a greater gain than Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri and New Mexico. All other states excelled us in gains. However, we go forward!

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

The following message was brought by your secretary to the 1941 B. S. U. Convention:

POWERS AND POSSIBILITIES OF THE B. S. U.

IN OUR STATE

Bennett says in "These Times"—
"Our motors pierce the clouds. They penetrate the depth of oceans. Microscopes reveal New worlds to conquer, while we dedicate Our intellects to strength of stone and steel We are as proud as those who build a tower To reach to heaven. Recklessly we rear Our lofty babels, arrogant with power. How dare we boast of cities while we hear The nations groping through the dark along The road of life? What right have we for pride? Till truth is steel, and faith is iron-strong, Till God and man are working side by side? Then let our prayers and labors never cease; We act the prologue of a Masterpiece."
—Christian Century.

Read Matt. 28:18-20. Jesus in speaking of power said: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

What did they do with this power? They astounded the multitudes who thought them drunk. They were accused of turning the world up-side-down.

What did they do with this power? They told the story of Jesus so simply and sincerely that sinners were saved. "Save yourselves from this untoward generation," was their challenge.

They preached Christ an only Savior—Acts 4:12. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

With such power others would have majored on healing. Rather they witnessed until a company of 120 has grown to 3,120; a little later that company numbers FIVE thousand; a little later it is called a MULTITUDE.

What did they do in this power? They crossed continental lines for Christ.

What did they do in this power? They gave of their substance for the support and propagation of the Gospel.

POWER? What power do you see in the New Testament? The Roman Military? Atom? Watts? Horsepower?

In the New Testament we have passed from the armies and walled cities of the Old Testament into a loftier atmosphere. The massive wall surrounding Jerusalem does not get even a passing glance, whereas, the power displayed on Pentecost grips us.

In the eighth and ninth chapters of Acts as you read, you do not even think of the wall around the city of Damascus. Rather, is it not of a quiet man by the name of Ananias?

In the demonstration of this power in the New Testament do you catch the echo of the tramping Roman armies, or do you see the apostle Paul invading continents for Christ?

WE need to discern the difference between STRENGTH and POWER. Sampson had STRENGTH, while David had POWER.

How we need to see the difference between INFLUENCE and POWER. The Pharisees had INFLUENCE, Simon Peter had POWER.

Today let us think of the difference between the strength of a giant Sequoia and the power of a Chester Swor. Today, visualize, if you will, the difference between the strength and influence of that

graceful wall in White Boulder Dam, and the B. S. U. of Mississippi in the hands of the Spirit of God, damming up waters of infidelity, hate, unbelief, and every other known sin.

The Possibilities of B. S. U.!

How may one measure the possibilities of an army of 8,000 B. S. U. folks growing in numbers and in grace? How may one even imagine all the good that will be accomplished by the B. S. U. members going into FAR LANDS for Christ? How may we estimate the reach of those of you who will pastor churches with their hundreds and thousands of members?

How can any man measure the influence of you potential home-makers?

How we need to remember NOW that unborn generations are being shaped. What will we make of them?

POSSIBILITIES? Christian teachers? Christian farmers? Christian lawyers?

POSSIBILITIES? I am lost in the stretch of it! TO BE SPECIFIC: A young student hearing a message on Psalm 37:5 came saying, "I know what I will do with my life—I will be a Christian nurse."

During a college appointment young people came, each saying: "What may I do?" Others had been coming with their problems saying: "You have no idea the problems, the temptations we face—we need help. If you do not get in the whirl you are passed by." It was easy for us to extend this challenge to those who came asking: "WHAT MAY WE DO?"

Be a friend—be a help!

An inspiration that has lingered throughout the years came from three students, young ladies in a community. These girls were young ladies of charming personality; they were socially inclined, but were spiritual in Christ-like positions. When questionable practices were started at any place where they were in attendance, without making scenes, they quietly slipped away and went along having a good time as Christians.

We think of young ladies in one of our larger colleges who came asking for help for another with agnostic tendencies.

In another college group with about one thousand students we saw forty young men and young women each saying, "I am lost, pray for me."

POSSIBILITIES? Be State Missionaries. Ezekiel 33.

Understand Christian doctrines, Christian living, the planning of His work.

What a dearth of knowledge exists in understanding the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, STATE MISSIONS; a New Testament Church program—what is included? Be faithful.

Loyalty to Christ

The strength of youth we lay

At Jesus' feet today,

'Tis loy-al-ty, loy-al-ty, loy-al-ty to Christ

His Gospel we'll proclaim,

Through-out the world's domain

Of loy-al-ty, loy-al-ty, loy-al-ty to Christ.

Do you have a clear understanding of the relation of Jesus to His Church?

Think of 8,000 students going out to explain the Plan of Salvation! Jesus saved me — He will save you.

EIGHT THOUSAND students going out as pillars of His church!

EIGHT THOUSAND students going out to scatter His word!

EIGHT THOUSAND Christian students going out to do His work!

Keep your prayer hours; keep up your Bible study; keep up your walk with Him.

Go with the saved to make them stronger—

You will be stronger!

Go with the lost to win them to Christ—

You will be safer!

You are not getting ready to live—you are living NOW! Make the song a reality:

"Like a mighty army, moves the church of God,
Brothers we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not di-vid-ed, all one bod-y we,
One in hope and doc-trine,
One in char-i-ty—
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Je-sus, go-ing on be-fore."

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Dr. P. I. Lipsey has seen fit to resign as editor of The Baptist Record, and

Whereas, Dr. Lipsey has served the Master and Mississippi Baptists so faithfully during these many years,

Be it resolved, That the association of Baptist churches of Jefferson Davis County assembled in its annual session in Prentiss, Mississippi, extend to him deepest appreciation for the unselfish and immeasurable service which he has rendered through the years, and assure him of our continued interest and prayer in whatever he shall endeavor to do.

Committee on Resolutions:

G. G. MOONEY,
D. A. MAGEE.

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November 30, 1941

Brethren:

Dr. Francis C. Stifler, Editorial Secretary of the American Bible Society, himself a Baptist and well remembered as a frequent visitor at the Southern Baptist Convention, called me over long distance from New York Friday afternoon to tell me about the Radiogram he had just received from the Secretary for the Commission for Chaplaincy Aid to War Prisoners in Geneva, through which the American Bible Society has been distributing thousands of Bibles and Testaments to prisoners in German camps, stating that the Russian government had given consent for the Bible to be distributed to Russian prisoners.

He told me that they could furnish these Bibles, in the Russian language, provided they could find the money for them—that their budget was exhausted with the increasing demands for Bibles in war-torn lands. He asked me if I thought Southern Baptists would furnish the money for this immediate opportunity to put Bibles in the hands of Russians. He stated that it would cost \$3,250 to furnish 30,000 copies of the New Testament to them.

I told him to go right on and make plans for immediate delivery of these Bibles, and that Southern Baptists would gladly furnish the money, in the amount of \$3,250. A later communication from Dr. Stifler states that they are in position to produce unlimited copies of the New Testament in the Russian language, using facilities at their disposal in Finland.

I regard this as the greatest missionary opportunity which has come to Southern Baptists this year, and I am confident that our people will raise this amount next Sunday, December 7, and more. Every dollar will be used for this one purpose, and the more we raise, the more Bibles will go to Russian prisoners and Russian civilians. I made the appeal this (Sunday) morning in my own church, which was on the radio, and the money is already pouring in. Please give this notice prominent place in your paper this week, and will the state secretaries forward all funds for this purpose immediately to Dr. Francis C. Stifler, Bible House, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, and send me the amount you have sent from your state so that I may make a report to our people at once. Thanks.

LOUIE D. NEWTON,

Associate Secretary,
Baptist World Alliance.

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Dr. L. O. Leavell and the First Baptist Church of Gadsden, Ala., have just recently concluded a gracious meeting, with the services of Dr. George W. Truett and singer, Stanley M. Armstrong of Memphis, Tenn. Great crowds filled the fifteen hundred seats in the auditorium each night and overflowed into the Sunday School auditoriums where they listened by remote control. It was stated by the older citizens that this was the first time the city had been stirred to its very heart. Many outstanding business men were reached and there were sixty-three additions to the First Church.

A budget of \$630,000 for 1942 has been adopted by the Home Mission Board. Its principal item is \$246,742.85 for mission work on the fields throughout the South and in Cuba and Panama. Allocated for debts is a total of \$277,000. Operating expenses, field work, publicity, old-age pension plan and miscellaneous items total \$100,000.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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The friends of Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, chairman of Second District, will regret to learn she lost her mother on November 29th. I know you will want to extend to her your sympathy and love.

About 50% of our W. M. U. presidents have returned the blank sent to them the first of October on which they were to send us the new officers' names who are entitled to the new 1942 Year Book. Please do so at once, that they have the Year Books to study in preparation for their year's work.

The 1942 Officers Guide is ready for distribution. We will send free copies for each officer upon request.

There is a very beautiful Installation Program for incoming officers, chairmen and counselors on pages 97-100 of the 1942 Year-Book. I hope each W. M. U. will plan for this service. It will help each officer to recognize the responsibility of her office.

We have had very few requests from Missionary Societies for names of aged ministers thus far. The Christmas season is upon us and I am confident there are some organizations that will want to remember these friends of ours by sending a box or a check to let them know we have not forgotten. We will be glad to supply names and addresses to anyone sending a request.

Copy of Letter From Mrs. C. H. Ray, Executive Secretary, Arkansas W. M. U.

Rev. N. S. Jackson,
Jackson, Mississippi.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I am writing today in response to your request, as to conditions existing in Arkansas under our liquor laws.

Travelers say there are more liquor signs in Little Rock than seen in any other city, according to size. This, with radio, wet newspapers, and screen adds, affects the thinking of our youth, and, sad to say, womanhood. The law allows package selling and we see large up-to-date cars drive up in front of liquor stores and women buy their packages to take into the home.

In many homes are found the bottles, empty and filled, on sideboards and kitchen cabinets. In those homes are children of all ages, observing this. Impressions are made on them that are lasting. The youth go by (liquor stores) and get their packages and drive no one knows where to drink.

I consider the old-time saloon preferable to present conditions in our State. It was then considered disreputable to drink. Now, the liquor traffic is doing all in its power to make drinking respectable.

We do not like our liquor laws.

Yours for a dry nation again,

MRS. C. H. RAY, Ex.-Sec.,
Baptist W. M. U., of Arkansas.

Mo Kwong Home
No. 15 Sing Magil St.
Macao, China

Dear Mrs. Graves and Miss Anderson:

Thank you for your letter. I am very lazy, and because I am no use, I cannot write, so wait till now, then begin to write to you, please excuse me. I ought to write to you for a long time but not write, you will think I forget you, but no, I am not forget you, I always anxious you all. How is Mrs. Graves now, How your leg, do you both strong enough?

Last year Miss Dodson asked Miss Law come to have meeting only, at least she asked her come to Mo Kwong to teach, so she came at April 1941 and care on everything here, be a head here, and teach us Bible, so everybody know they have been save

by Jesus, everyone know their spirit progress than before and love Jesus more than before. If you are here you will be very glad to see the girls now. Every Friday night, we have a meeting, at that night every one tell out how Jesus work in her heart, how did they believe Jesus, what are they receive from Jesus, how they love Jesus now.

July 8th we have vacation until Sept. 8th we will have lesson. July 14th Miss Law go to Hong Kong to have vacation, but all of us are still in here. I am sorry to let you know here is a blind girl called Kam Ying, she die at July 25th. She have sick at July and I sent her to see Dr. and day by day after two week Dr. said she have t. b. but we put her at home, and care on her, at last I see her heavy than before, and I go to talk to Miss Clement, because Miss Law went to Hong Kong that time she said, if any thing trouble I must go to ask Miss Clement, so I do so, then Miss Clement bring that girl to Hospital, but Hospital have no room, and bring her back, at that midnight she die at home. Yet she die, but I know she have been saved by Jesus. I think you will be glad to know that she get saved.

Since I sent a letter to you and told you every things are high price, but now high more than before, I said that, give glory to God, for anyhow high, we still have to eat, not hungry, and thank you all take care of us. Now wood \$62.00 cattles*, each month must burn 150 catties, rice \$25.00 dollars 100 catties, vegetables 40c a catty, beef \$1.60 or \$2.00 a catty, pork \$1.40 or \$1.80 a catty, eggs 10c each, beans 25c a catty. Every things, not only eating things are high price, some time I don't know what things I ought to buy for them to eat, yet, it spent plenty money, but almost have nothing to eat.

With best wishes to you both

SAM KOO.

Sam Koo Ma, Janet and every girls here ask me remember them to you.

*—One catty is about 1 1/3 pounds.

Report of Mo Kwong Home—1940-1941

By Flora E. Dodson

The year 1940-1941 has held quite a number of blessings for Mo Kwong Home for which we praise the Lord. The home is still located in Macao and about forty of the girls are there and are comparatively well care for. The remaining thirty-odd are scattered about over the country and are most of them enduring great hardship and suffering of all kinds. They have neither proper nor sufficient food nor care. Relatives and friends do not want them in their homes, and food is so expensive and scarce that all must suffer hunger and hardship.

Because of these conditions we have this spring opened up a branch Mo Kwong Home up in the Sun Hing field and at present some six or eight of the Mo Kwong girls in that section have been gotten together. We are hoping that later on more of these who are in such distress may be able to go to this branch home. However, at present the difficulties and dangers of travel are too great to enable many who sorely need help to get there. We need your special prayers for this work.

For some years we have been quite concerned as to what would happen to Mo Kwong if our matron, who is old and who has a goiter, should get sick and not be able to continue her work in the home. Also since leaving Tung Shan some four years ago, the girls have not had regular daily Bible study, and we have been quite concerned for their spiritual welfare.

We do praise the Lord for bringing to us Miss Dorcas Lau, a consecrated Chinese girl, whom we feel is a direct answer to prayer for help along both lines mentioned above. Miss Lau first came and lived in Mo Kwong for two weeks, giving them Bible teaching and helping them in their daily living of the Christian life. Then this spring, in

March, she came for full-time work there. She is very fine, and we ask that you will especially hold her up before the Throne of Grace that she may have the physical and spiritual strength and wisdom from the Lord to do the work in that home that He would have done there.

During the year, Miss Lora Clement also has taught Bible classes in the home in Macao and has helped in the work there in many, many ways. In fact, but for her help and that of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Galloway, I hardly see how the work could have been carried on.

The year has been more difficult in many ways than other years because of the continued rise in prices and the difficulty of getting sufficient food both as to quality and quantity. However, we have endeavored to secure nourishing food, and beriberi has been less prevalent among them since requiring them to eat the red rice, and more vegetables when they can be bought.

We are especially grateful for the help that has come from the general W. M. U. and also from some of the State W. M. U's for this year. And Mrs. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College has faithfully carried the responsibility for this work. May the Lord bless her and spare her for many more years of service to Him.

These special gifts have enabled us to open this branch Mo Kwong Home for some of those in the country who have suffered so much during these four years, and also enabled us to invite Miss Lau, who is proving such a blessing to the girls in their spiritual lives. We also need a consecrated worker for the branch home. Will you join us in prayer for the one whom the Lord would have in the work there, please?

We are most of all concerned for the spiritual health and growth of all of the teachers and girls. We covet a continued interest in your prayers, that even though the physical eyes of these girls may be darkened, yet may their spiritual sight be clear and bright. We hope that these girls may grow so strong in faith that their prayers may bring great blessings to the Lord's work in many friends.

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THE PREACHER AND HIS HEARERS

By R. Lofton Hudson, Portland, Tennessee

Every preacher must psycho-analyze (whatever that means) his audience. He must be able to know how they think, which ones do, and what. The following outline suggests some types of hearers which most preachers face every Sunday.

1. Umbrella Hearers. They put up their umbrellas when he is preaching and let the rain drop on their neighbors.

2. Prize-Fight Hearers. They are never satisfied unless the pastor is fighting something, and lands a boisterous knockout.

3. Spy Hearers. This hostile group sits with poker faces watching for some evidence which may be led to condemnation.

4. Grasshopper Hearers. These hear a little here and a little there, with a long hop in between.

5. Cattle Show Hearers. These can tell you the exact dimensions of a good sermon. Like some cattle judges, they forget the steaks and roasts.

6. Flat Tire Hearers. The progress of their spiritual journey is completely arrested because of some distracting trouble.

7. Well Bucket Hearers. This kind goes right down into the water of life and sinks until they are filled. Bless their hearts! They are worth hundreds of "gospel hardened sinners" and "truth hardened saints."—Tennessee Paper.

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Bruce, Miss.—Rev. T. J. Shelton, evangelist from Durant, Oklahoma, is visiting relatives in this county and filled the pulpit here last Sunday night and preached on "They That Are Whole Have No Need of a Physician." Large crowd and fine interest, and he is a great and Godly man.

OPEN DOORS

Baptists frequently pray for open doors. Usually, Baptists WHO COUNT, gladly accept the challenge of walking in as these doors swing ajar. Matt. 5:46-48; Matt. 10:1-42; Matt. 19:27-30; Matt. 20:20-28; Luke 9:22-26, 51-56. Occasionally, alas, Baptists fail God in the hour of opportunity, i. e., Japan, a decade ago.

Opportunity Neglected

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 33:7, 8.

Opportunity Accepted

"Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

"Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezekiel 33:9-11.

Doors Open

The Southern Baptist Convention and the several State groups again have opportunity, and corresponding responsibility, literally thrust into their laps. This comes in the form of training camps and other defense projects calling for mass housing programs.

In one place is a ship building project; in another a CCC Camp (about which we have done little); in another location is an aviation training group; in another, entire army divisions are in training. Such projects are multiplied.

Two Experiences

Recently we had the privilege of preaching for one week in a little city where a great ship building project had been in progress for about one year. The population of the city had been vastly increased, presenting a crisis in the church and school life there. The place of worship was crowded. A progressive pastoral leadership was calling the people on in service. A new auditorium was under construction. A mission had been organized and the building almost completed. Yet, one mile removed from that city five hundred or more houses were being completed in another defense project. We have no church there.

The next week we were preaching in one of our churches hard by a camp where 50,000 soldier "boys" are in training.

Great Need

A drunk soldier was taken from the service Sunday night, a citizen shot a soldier on Sunday afternoon — SIN! A soldier boy in the Sunday evening training service publicly denounced the drinking of liquors. A man shot another nearby, Saturday night. A soldier boy writes of the profanity, liquor drinking, and, gambling all around. Many civilians and soldiers are without Christ.

Some Faithful

We heard hot prayers from the lips of His faithful ones. We saw tears in the eyes of lovers of the lost. We witnessed constantly in worship on the part of lovers of the Lord Jesus.

The Way Out

What may be done? The pastors and churches, the Spirit leading, must be alert and active. Sunday School leaders will bear a major share of the responsibility.

What May Be Done

We may get at the answer in concrete form by seeing some things being done on the two fields mentioned.

At the first mentioned church, a mission Sunday School led the way for the mission project. The main Sunday school force was enlarged to care for the increased attendance. A training course a month is conducted to help provide additional

workers. Tracts, gospels and other literature is given out.

A lot has been purchased in the midst of the large housing project. As the people move in a census will be taken under the sponsorship of that church—Sunday School workers leading—one mile away. A revival, using a State Board evangelist is contemplated. This is expected to end with an organized mission—ultimately a New Testament church.

At the second mentioned church a census was taken, the pastor and Sunday School leaders doing the work. The pastor, just coming to the field, preached in a series of services and immediately planned another three months later. We had the joy of preaching in this series. Tracts and gospels are given out. Other services are planned. Socials are being planned, a Christian soldier aiding in the plans.

Other Needs

Laymen serving as volunteers must help make up for the lack of paid workers in each instance. A constantly planned program of visitation must be carried on in the homes and camps, and invitations to services are to be issued. The lost are to be sought out. The homesick, and the tempted are to be helped. Christian "buddies" (well developed Christians) for the more undeveloped might be arranged for. Sunday School leaders excel in these things. B. T. U. groups furnish reserves for front line duty. Brotherhoods may help. The W. M. U. will find a State Mission field there.

Transportation must be provided in many instances, both volunteer and paid.

Letters need to be written. Posters may serve in a publicity program. Bulletins are to be provided and distributed. Open air services on the street and about the shop should be held. Loud speaker systems, now easily obtained may be used. Mission Sunday Schools need to be organized. In some instances churches should be established. In other cases brush arbors may serve the purpose, or a tent may be secured. As Sunday School space is exhausted in the house of worship, use homes and other buildings adjacent to the church building.

Let us as Baptists march with Him through these open doors.

But let us march!

"Go" Matt. 5:24; "Go" Matt. 10:6; "Go" Matt. 11:4; "Go" Matt. 28:7; "Go" Matt. 28:19; "Go" Mark 16:15; "Go" Luke 19:19.

And going for Him He will bless our efforts!

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, O'er mountain, or plain, or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

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CLEVELAND CHURCH MOVES FORWARD

On last Sunday the congregation of the First Baptist Church voted to purchase an eight-room residence on the lot adjoining their present property to be used for Sunday School purposes. For a long time the school has been greatly cramped for space and the superintendent, Judge R. E. Jackson, and his splendid corps of teachers have experienced great difficulty in taking care of those who came. This residence will enable the school to almost double itself in attendance. It will also provide space for the operation of a church library. Many books have already been given and others have been promised.

For some months the church has been accumulating money in a building fund for the erection of an annex. This action of the church gives the congregation a lot 120x150 on a corner in the very heart of the city—a lot sufficiently large for any type building which they may ever desire to erect.

The pastor and people are rejoicing in the additions to the membership which are coming in each week.

J. D. EAVENSON.

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Rev. W. S. Allen and his church at Bay St. Louis are endeavoring to secure sufficient funds to buy a more desirable location and to build a modern church building. They have been handicapped through the years because the present building is inadequate and is located in a cemetery. May the Lord lead some generous souls to their aid.

INTERMENT OF XMAS GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

May it be hoped that Mr. Opie L. Shelton of Orangeburg, S. C., is not premature in mailing out cards announcing the interment of the irreverent abbreviation of Christmas to Xmas.

Mr. Shelton justifies his cards on the basis of the surprising response made to the campaign he began with the aid of the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce, during which he sent out letters to commercial organizations, newspapers, private citizens and officials in the 48 states calling for a voluntary ban on the abbreviation. The response, he reports, was overwhelming.

Although there is a ready explanation of how "Xmas" came to be adopted widely, there is no legitimate excuse for it. To be sure, it saves time, energy, ink and space, but such an infinitesimal amount of each that the economy is much too small to measure and certainly does not make up for what is sacrificed.

Of course, few who have fallen into the habit of using "Xmas" stop to think that in doing so they are eliminating the most significant letters in the word. For "Christ" they are substituting a meaningless "X."

Perhaps the matter may strike some as being too trivial to bring up. But, to many others, the abbreviation is reflective of the many ways in which modern-day celebration of Christmas has strayed from the real meaning of the day.

Judging by the response to Mr. Shelton's campaign, a great many persons agree that "Xmas" is not fitting. Congressman Fulmer of South Carolina inserted into the Congressional Record the analogy contributed by Gov. S. C. Ford of Montana: "Writing this holy festival 'Xmas' is the lazy person's way. It brings to mind the old story of the man who posted the Lord's Prayer on the foot of his bed, and upon retiring merely said, 'Them's my sentiments,' and sank to rest."

The world cannot have too many reminders in these times that Christmas marks the birthday of Christ and of new hope.—Clarion-Ledger.

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MOULDER REUNION

On November 27, Thanksgiving Day, approximately 125 of Rev. D. W. Moulder's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends met at his home where he and Mrs. Moulder have been living for the past 53 years, to celebrate his 74th birthday which was November 26. There were five preachers present, D. W., and C. S. Moulder, B. E. Phillips, Gullor Henderson and C. O. Stegall. The Rev. B. E. Phillips, pastor of New Hebron Baptist Church for the past 24 years, preached at the 11 o'clock hour. Bro. Phillips' subject was "The Sacrifices and Joys of the Ministry." Dinner was served on the lawn. A large part of the afternoon was spent making pictures of Rev. Moulder which will be put in the book that his son, C. S. Moulder, is writing, entitled—**Dan Moulder, the Flaming, Untiring Country Preacher**. The book will be ready for the press before January 1, 1942. There was more than \$100 given to Rev. and Mrs. Moulder in money and presents. Rev. Moulder has preached more than 15,000 sermons and at the present time is pastor of nine churches. Everybody went away happy, looking forward to celebrating his 75th birthday on Thanksgiving of 1942.

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The West Laurel Baptist Church has just closed a two weeks' meeting which has really proved to be a revival for all who attended the services. Rev. C. Wade Freeman, pastor of East Dallas Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, was the visiting preacher. There is no doubt that he was God's man for the hour. Fifty-seven people made decisions for Christ and fifty of this number were added to the church. Thirty-eight came for baptism. The music was in charge of Waddell Valentine. Full cooperation was given from every organization of the church in the matter of prayer and religious visitation. We're looking forward to greater victories for Christ. I believe that our church is ready to pay the price to reach the last unsaved and unenlisted person in our community. We must for Jesus' sake.—

Robert L. Orr.

Robert L. Orr, Pastor.

NEWS AND TRUTHS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Joe W. Burton, Publicity Secretary

Offerings Show Large Increase in November

Offerings to Home Mission work were up over 43% in November, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer, reported at the executive committee meeting in Atlanta, December 4.

Total receipts in the month, he said, were \$53,069.52, an increase of \$16,594.11 over the total for the same month last year. Chief source of income reported was from the Co-operative Program of the Southern Baptists, which netted \$36,219.77 to the mission agency.

"Income from the Hundred Thousand Club," he said, "was more than doubled, \$10,417.83 being received as compared with \$4,870.61 in November last year. This was largely the result of gifts through the Woman's Missionary Union."

Not included in receipts from the denomination for mission work, the treasurer reported, was a total of around \$35,000 from the sale of property, to be applied on the Board's debts. During the month, he added, \$45,000 in bonds were retired.

Early entrance upon a city mission program in Birmingham, Alabama, was contemplated by the Board in its meeting as plans for the work were approved and details were referred to the executive committee. Such work is already under way in Atlanta and Houston.

Two new missionaries, one for work among the Mexicans and one for work among the Indians, were appointed by the agency. Rev. Isaac Perez was named for Mexican work at Bastrop, Texas. Rev. Jeff Rutherford, Ponca City, Okla., will work among the Ponca Indians.

Cuban Series Published By Board

An entire series of books on Cuba, first ever published by the Home Mission Board, is being brought from the press by January 15, it has been announced by the Board's publicity department.

The Cuban series is being made available by the Board for mission study just at a time when Latin-American mission fields becomes the mission topic to which Christian leaders throughout the nation will be giving special attention.

The adult book by Dr. M. N. McCall, *A Baptist*

DOWN TO SEA IN SHIPS

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having gone instantly, when the torpedo struck. It helped them to see Jim's best friend.

Among the letters that have come to him was one from a mother in a far distant state whose son was lost in the sinking. The letter touched the hearts of all. It was a copy of one mailed to each boy who survived. The bereaved mother witnessed beautifully for the Lord when she begged that if any of them were not Christians that they would turn to God. She quoted John 3:16 and urged each one to believe in the Savior, Who had saved her boy in the years gone by, and was all in all when the dark hour came. The letter was signed simply, "Gene's Mother."

"When people pass through an experience like this," Mrs. Sills said, "one finds the world has many loving hearts who sympathize." During the seemingly endless hours when they waited to hear from him after the sinking, so many beautiful things were done. There was the group of boys from the Jackson airbase who delegated one of their number to ring her and say they "were thinking of her, and not to give up hope"; there were those parents who also have boys in the Navy who came by, or called, or wrote to her; ministers, loving neighbors, friends, and above all, the presence of the Great loving Father "Who would make it all right, whether her boy came home or not"! Faith is brighter and God is dearer to the Sills family than ever before. They were active members of the Griffith Baptist Church in Jackson, and Lawrence, Jr., was baptized into that church at the age of ten years by Scotchie McCall who was then pastor. The message of the family to all others is this, "Try to win the boys before they go away into the service, for none can know what



Miss Mildred Matthews presiding at an annual convention of the W. M. U. of Cuba. A missionary in Cuba for over twenty years, Miss Matthews is the author of a new book, "Tia Tells a Story," which is one of a graded series on Cuba being brought from the press by the Home Mission Board to be ready for sale in the Baptist Book Stores by January 15, 1942.

Generation In Cuba, is a historical treatment of mission work in Cuba under his administration there since 1905. It is not a chronological sketch but it is a semi-autobiography relating simply the story of Cuban missions.

The young people's book, *Meet the Youth of Cuba*, by Herbert Caudill, presents a living panorama of Cuban youth at home, at school, at church and at work. The author has been a missionary eleven years on the island.

A delightful story is given in the intermediate book, *Dear Margaret*, a collaboration between Mrs. H. R. Moseley, who spent a generation in Cuba, and Gloria Young (Mrs. A. C. Seewell), editor of the boys' and girls' page of the *Baptist Standard*.

Ten stories of Cuba, each one of which will greatly interest boys and girls of junior age, are told by Miss Mildred Matthews in the book, *Tia Tells a Story*.

Mrs. Herbert Caudill has written a delightful little story of a Cuban girl in the book for primaries entitled *Carmita of Cuba*.

Each of these five books for classroom use is a

reading book, all helps for teaching the entire series being provided in the sixth book, *Cuba—Leader's Resource Book*, edited by Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study leader.

The books for adults, young people and intermediates, of 128 pages each, will sell for 40c. The two children's books of 64 pages each will sell for 25c each. All of the books will be on sale at the Baptist Book Store.

Chinese Church Being Built

Work is being rushed by the Home Mission Board on the house of worship for the Chinese Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

A lot was purchased and the building is being erected out of the Annie Armstrong Offering for 1941.

Chinese themselves will furnish the building, according to Miss Ollie Lewellyn, Home Board missionary. "It is my dream that one room will have all the furnishings Chinese," says Miss Lewellyn, "and that this will be the prayer room."

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Let us remember to pray for the Evangelistic Conference in Clinton, March 23-26. Three great speakers from other states are expected: Hyman Appleman to give us Evangelistic Sermons; John R. Sampey to speak on Revivals in the Old Testament; and E. F. Haight to speak on Revivals in the New Testament and to be the Conference leader.

Fred Scholfield, Jr., will lead the song services and arrange for special music and solos. We look forward with keen anticipation to this part of the Evangelistic Conference in Clinton, March 23-26, 1942.

—BR—

The Oklahoma Baptist paper printed some fine things recently regarding Dr. A. F. Crittenden, a former Mississippian. Dr. Crittenden did a fine work at Brookhaven. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Ponca City, Okla.

Few people realize the good a group of laymen have been doing around Jackson the past few years. They go about their work quietly, and hold evangelistic services in needy places. They invite ministers to preach and they themselves testify. Bro. Edgar Smith and Bro. Walker and others have been active.

lies ahead. The most important thing is that they know God and the Savior before they go."

In another place is printed the favorite Scripture and the favorite song of this modern American Baptist boy. He is one of many who may in the months just ahead . . . may be listed among those who "go down to the sea in ships."

May each, as he did, place his trust in God, and in faith be able to say, "The toils of the road will seem nothing, when I get to the end of the way," because "The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth forever."—Margie McCall.

IN MEMORIAM

Friends requested this be put in The Baptist Record.

Just On A Visit

She went on a visit as on the bed she lay,
To a far more beautiful and brighter day.
Not to see Aunt Mary or the kinfolk she loved,
But her dear Master Who lives above.
She is my grandmother, daddy's mother and
granddad's wife.

Often we have prayed for God to spare her life.

Just on a visit, not for good,
We'll see her again the day the Lord thinks we
should.

She is much happier in her home up there,
No more sorrows, death, pain or care.
We hate to give her up even for a day,
But God thought best to take her away.

When God calls for me to come home,
I don't want to be late,
For I know grandmother will be there
To meet me at the gate.

By NATILLE PIERCE.

Daughter of Rev. A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs, wrote this about her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Brookhaven, Miss., who was buried Dec. 4.

—BR—

Dr. Bryan Simmons is having a personal part in support of the Now Club through two of his churches. In addition he refused a boost in salary that the church might do more for the cause of Christ. He expresses confidence in our stated resolve to reduce Now Club expenses this year. He uses a few minutes at the start of the service in informing the people about all the work of Christ. He is one of our best men.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elem. Sec.

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate

Records

As we come to the closing days of 1941 we thank the Lord again for all His bounteous blessings to Mississippi Baptists, and all others during this great and glorious year. In so many ways have His blessings been in abundant evidence. From many, many of the churches over the state have come messages of victories won in battles fought for the Lord Jesus. Then in the various departments of the State Board there have been increases all along the line in such proportions as to be most encouraging.

We have been doing some checking recently on the various items of work that come under the direct supervision of the Sunday School Department and find these facts: Free literature has gone out this year from the Sunday School Board to 114 new Sunday Schools in Mississippi. All of these have not been in churches, but many times in mission places, some of which will develop into churches. Every new school means more people gathered regularly for Bible study.

In addition, we also find that 63 new Extension Departments have been organized in the state from January first to October 31. Many new Cradle Rolls have also been organized during the same time. During the last four years the Standard Departments have been as follows: 9-11-21-23; and the Standard classes thus: 50-67-81-106; and the Standard Sunday Schools, 24-29-32-46. The Vacation Bible school growth during these same four years has been 184-284-334-423. This is the first time we have gone beyond the 400 mark in Vacation schools. It is also the first time we have had one or more Vacation Bible school reports from every association in the entire state. In Sunday School study course awards, 5,408-6,391-5,432 have been the numbers for the last three years, whereas we now have 6,674 up to November 30, with one month yet to go for this year, which will put us much beyond any record of these four years, or any other as for that.

So, then, all along the line there has been most encouraging gains as the records indicate. For all of these we are truly grateful. The people have been great in the hearty response to the work everywhere.

Standard

The New Liberty Sunday School, Tishomingo County, has come in on our Standard list, and for the first time in the history of the church. Our heartiest congratulations to pastor, superintendent, and all the others who made this fine record.

Reduced Size

For the sake of reducing postage expense, the department and class Standard certificates for Young People's, Adult, and Extension departments, and Young People's and Adult classes have been greatly reduced in size. This is the message we have received from this department of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville. All leaders of these groups will please take note of this.

Of course, this in no way changes any of the items of the Standard for

any of these classes or departments; merely a smaller certificate.

Standard Campaign

This is the last month for any Young People's, Adult, and Extension departments, or Young People's or Adult class to enter the Standard Campaign, which closes December 31.

This does not mean that a class or department cannot be standard after December, but this Standard Campaign is a program to get every class and department possible to reach the standard by December 31, and be ready by January first to make application for the Standard award for the quarter ending December 31, since the class and department standards run by the quarter. So, enter at once and be ready to make your application for the standard award in January for the quarter that ends December 31. Application blanks, standard wall charts, and other free material will be gladly mailed to any class or department upon request.

January Meetings

During the week of January 19-23, 1942, we will have our second series of one-day associational Sunday School meetings. There will be 14 teams with each team making five associations that week to complete the entire state within the five-day period, with no Saturday meetings. Complete information about this week's program and schedule will be sent to all pastors, superintendents, associational officers in ample time for the meetings. We are exceedingly interested in these meetings and we look forward to making plans for 1942 and working out some very definite goals toward which to work. In the meantime, keep the date checked on your calendar, and it is the week of January 19-23. During that week hundreds of our workers will gather in these associational meetings and they have possibilities of great things for Sunday School progress during next year. Let's all work and pray that they may be all that they should be.

—BR—

PETER'S OTHER NAME

The Sunday School lesson was about Simon Peter, and after the opening exercises of the class the teacher asked what Peter's other name was. The new little girl raised her hand in excitement and proudly answered:

"Rabbit."—Parents' Magazine.

—BR—

A NEW GAME

"Sonny, open the door and let little Sister in; it's raining and she'll get all wet," cried Mother.

"I can't, Mother, for we're playing Noah's Ark, and Sister is the sinners and has to stay out in the flood," Sonny explained.—Christian Evangelist.

—BR—

"I don't see Charlie as much as I used to."

"Well, you should have married him when he wanted you to."

"I did."

RESOLUTION

For Dr. J. A. Dorsett, Adopted by the Bible Class of the Lucedale Sunday School

WHEREAS, an all-wise Providence has seen fit to take from us one of our most highly esteemed and loved brothers and friends, Dr. J. A. Dorsett; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dorsett was not only a faithful and loyal member of this class, but was also devoted to his church, Sunday school and community, having been one of the founders of the First Baptist Church in Lucedale, one of the builders of the present Baptist church, and at the time of his death one of the prime movers in the construction of a proposed new church building in this community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dorsett was a kind, indulgent husband and father and a citizen of whom any community may well be proud and whose name will long be remembered and cherished;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bible Class of Lucedale, Mississippi—

That we honor and shall always respect the name of Dr. J. A. Dorsett for his many fine traits of character and for his friendship and loyalty to this class, to his church, to his community and to his country;

That we extend to his family our sincere sympathy in their great sorrow;

And that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the class, a copy be sent to the local paper, a copy to The Baptist Record, and also a copy to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. FERRILL,

J. R. GOFF,

O. F. MOSS.

—BR—

"There seems to be a dearth of colorful fiction this year."

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

THE NEW TESTAMENT GRACE OF GIVING

Bible Texts: Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:9-13; 18:24-30; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6, 7.

I. The Obligation Under Which the Christian Is Bound to Use What He Has.—Matthew 25:14-30.

I have read the story again. "Go thou, and do likewise." It is a story of a wealthy man who, about to go away from his home to be gone for a long while, called to him his servants and gave in trust to them sums of money, giving to each a sum which the master knew the servant was able to handle with profit. The servant of greatest ability was intrusted with the largest sum, and the sums of money were graded down in accord with the ability of the servants to whom they were intrusted. Having given his money in trust to his servants, the rich man went away, a long way, and remained away a long time. Then he returned. His return was always sure. Do not skip that. The rich man is the Lord, and the Lord is coming back, and don't you forget it.

The servants in this parable represent the professing Christians in the world, the servants of the Lord.

We have come to think of the talents as the natural abilities of men, but that is wrong. The talents were sums of money, and they were intrusted to the servants according to their several abilities.

The talents represent everything any one of us may possess in addition to his natural ability. It may be money, certainly, but it may consist of position, culture, opportunity, the measure of grace given to each—anything any one may possess by means of which he can advance the interests of the kingdom.

Christ has no interest upon earth which He has not intrusted to His people. He values nothing which He has not intrusted to us. He has distributed to us all that He has of value here. And we do not get under our control one thing which is not His. Not one of us owns anything. All that we have and hold is His—money, lands, jewels, defense bonds—all that we have is His.

Here is illustrated the principle that men shall be judged at last according to the faithfulness with which they have employed the means at their disposal in the work of advancing the interests of the kingdom.

The first two were richly rewarded because they made the best use they could of the money their master had left with them. The third man suffered less because he had done nothing. He had made no use of his opportunity; hence, it had been taken away from him. The unused faculty dies out, the unused ability atrophies. Embrace your opportunity to work for Him. Employ your money in the advancement of His cause. If you do not do so, what you have gets away from you.

II. Our Lord's Guarantee of Reward for Faithfulness. Luke 18:24-30.

Read also Matthew 19:25-29. Peter said, "Lord, we have left all we had and followed you; what then are we going to get out of it?"

Look now what the Lord says: "Every one that hath left . . . for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and shall inherit eternal life."

That is the promise of the Christ of God! Am I going to doubt that He will keep it? I have seen it kept in the case of many of His servants.

Here in this life they were made rich with the riches of God's grace in Christ Jesus. The gold of grace, the coin of courage, the jewels of joy, the precious poise of patience, and everything else that is worth the having.

III. Christ Jesus' Rule of Faithfulness.—Luke 16:9-13.

"What is the 'mammon of unrighteousness'? It is anything that you can get your hands on, any item of material

wealth, anything which stays outside of your personality and does not enter into and become a part of you. "He that is faithful in very little is faithful also in much." That does not say that, if I am faithful in the matter of a copper that I will get to be faithful in the matter of a nickle, and if I am faithful in the matter of a nickle, I will thereby become faithful in the matter of a dime, a dollar, a thousand, a million. It does not even say that I shall become faithful in the matter of the higher values if I am faithful in the realm of the lower, but "He that is faithful in a very little is, is, is, faithful also in much. If you want to know whether a man is faithful in the matter of the higher values, watch him in the realm of the very little, for if he is faithful there, he is, is, is, also faithful in the realm of the higher. I will not be right with the little if I am not right with the big. Show me a man who is liberal in soul—I did not say and I do not say that he must be a large giver, he may be old and poor and sick and weak—and I will show you a man who is liberal in the big values, who joys in the Lord and prays to Him, and does His best for the Lord and loves Him with a great love.

IV. Paul Proclaims the Grace of Giving.—I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 8:1-9:5.

Con the verse 2 in I Corinthian 16. Paul teaches that the grace of giving is to be developed individually. "Each one of you," is his language. There are valid reasons for holding the belief that a man who gives for his children works those children a grievous wrong. Paul wants every one of us to give for himself. Of course it is best that it be done individually, or the direction to do it would not be in the Bible. Giving is to be done regularly, and the best time to do it is at the beginning of the week, "on the first day of the week." Giving ought to be done surely, the gift being brought to the church, if that be possible, but let the contribution get to the church. An early morning rain beat the children in the Baptist Children's Home of Louisiana, at Monroe, out of about three-fourths of the Thanksgiving offering I proposed to give them a little while ago. Let the offering be brought. "As he may prosper" means, if he is prosperous, he gives more; if he is not very prosperous he gives less. He gives a portion, and this portion ought to be in proportion. What proportion? Look in the Bible and see if you can find out.

When my deacons said in our latest meeting together, "Let's make a Thanksgiving offering," I said, "I want the church to raise so much." We did not raise it at the early morning service, so I had to get busy and go out and send out to get it. Got it, all right, but it required a good measure of patience, and a liberal measure of ankle grease, because that money had to be got. "That no collections be made when I come," means do not be behind in this thing, let this special offering be ready to be taken to Jerusalem.

The churches of Macedonia illustrates Paul's plan for cultivating this grace. II Cor. 8:1-6. These Macedonians wanted to share in this grace of giving. They desired to have a part in it. See how they proceeded. (Verses 5, 6). "They gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God." They said to Paul, "We give ourselves to the Lord, here and now, and now you tell us how we may serve Him with our gifts."

Paul urges the Corinthians to abound in this grace, even as the Macedonians have. (Verses 7-15).

Paul cites the Lord Jesus as the illustration of this grace in action. "Yes know the grace of our Lord Jesus." 1. Jesus Christ was gracious, and that was the cause of what He did, and this is that. 2. He was rich. Before His incarnation in a human body, He was rich. All the gold and other precious metals, all the jewels, all the cattle on a thousand hills, yea, the hills themselves, were His. 3. He laid all this aside and became poor, and He did this in order that, 4. That ye through His poverty might become rich."

Paul finally exhorts and encourages the Corinthians. Sow with a liberal hand. If you do, God will be liberal with you. (Verse 6.) Let your gifts to the Lord

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Calvary-Silver Creek	109	21
Crystal Springs	310	83
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Apparently Uncle Sam's Army has its saluting and other troubles, too.

A man who'd just joined for training passed a captain without saluting. The captain stopped him. "Take a look at me," he said. "Do you attach any special significance to this uniform?"

The new chum looked him over, then grinned. "Why, you lucky dog," he exclaimed, "you've got a suit that fits!"

be the fruit of a high purpose, "according as he hath purposed in his heart; . . . God loveth a cheerful giver."

VEGETARIAN

"Yes," the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog.' For instance, the dog-rose and the dog-violet are well known. Can any of you name another?"

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What Was Your Part?

Perhaps you have read in The Record in the department of our State Executive Secretary the report for the year just closed, but we cannot help saying a word about it here for the encouragement and challenge. For all denominational causes, Mississippi Missionary Baptists put into God's treasury \$354,000.00. This is the largest amount contributed in fifteen years. To some of us this but proves that God's people have a growing interest in His program of worldwide redemption. This figure can be multiplied by five to get the total amount that Mississippi Missionary Baptists put into God's work, locally and worldwide, during the last twelve months. That looks mighty good, doesn't it? And it represents about 2% of Baptist income for the year. 8% of God's money did not reach His treasury. Another record we have reason to be grateful for is that Mississippi Missionary Baptists during the last three years have been used of God in leading 40,000 souls to accept Christ as their Savior. We call your attention to the caption at the beginning of this paragraph.

Salem in Covington County Enlarges

Pastor J. R. Rogers, with the helpful cooperation of Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director, has led the Salem Church in Covington County in another enlargement movement and rejoices to report two departments set up. The Adult Department with three good unions, and the Intermediate Department with three good unions. Plans are soon to make a Junior Department also. These departments have their department director and other necessary organization to bring about efficiency. The attendance in the Adult department averages about fifty which sets the pace for the en-

tire Trainin Union. This is a great church, and if you want inspiration, pay them a visit any Sunday. Mrs. Rogers is not only the director of her local church, but is also the Association Director, recently elected. She was also elected to the place of secretary for our State Convention when we met in Tupelo a few weeks ago. She is a busy business woman, distributor for Pan-American Petroleum products in her section of the state, but with that, delights to take the necessary time to be a good Christian and church member, with an interest in every denominational activity.

A good letter from Past President H. A. Scott tells of his joy over the success of the Convention. It was his first visit to North Mississippi and he was greatly pleased with this section of the state. He and Mrs. Scott visited Blue Mountain College, where Mrs. Scott was a student—just a few years ago. Mr. Scott says, "I am starting even now to get a larger number of awards, more unions, and more people in Training Union during the coming year. We must go forward, or 'We must Enlarge,' as Brother Bell so well told us at the Convention." We are glad to have this word from Brother Scott, who is the director in his association.

Belzoni Leads In Attendance At State Convention

Hats off to Brother and Mrs. W. L. Compere and the Belzoni church. They led in the attendance at the State Training Union Convention, if our records are correct. Coming 200 miles and bringing with them 24 others, making a total of 26 from their church. Every department was represented—Story Hour, Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult. They were there for the entire convention, and took part in many of the activities of the convention. We thank God for these great Christian leaders, always interested and giving that others may have a blessing. God is richly blessing them in their ministry.

What Better Missionary Work

The Pachuta Training Union has caught the spirit of true missions as manifested by their plans to organize a Training Union in the negro church near them. This is a service that has been done by many other unions, but one that has been neglected by more. If you want to be a missionary, just do what you can to help those nearest you, then your opportunities will be increased, and your service enlarged.

Make yourself a Christmas present by getting the joy of organizing a union in some nearby church, then teach them a study course. This will also be a Christmas present to the ones you help.

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Everyone was to bring an offering then? How about now?

"The Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they BRING me an offering: of every man that giveth it WILLINGLY with his HEART ye shall take my offering." —Ex. 25:2.

You say, "I have done my BEST, my PART!" That is fine, but don't say it unless true. Read Acts 5:1-11.

Read Exodus 35, verses 4, 5, 10, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29.

Read Exodus 36, verses 2, 3, 5, 7—"They brought TOO MUCH." Think of it!

2 Corinthians, Chapters 8 and 9. "Willingly of themselves." "First gave their own selves unto the Lord." "Readiness to will." "If there be first a willing mind." "Forwardness of your mind." "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Paul closes with God's Christmas gift to the world. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift!" God is the Greatest Giver!

Apostolic example, Acts 2:40-47, Acts 2:40-47, Acts 4:32-37.

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These words are attributed to the great Daniel Webster and deserve our worthy consideration today. Degradation, misery and darkness may always be expected, if God and His word are not known and received. Our Baptist program is to make known God and His word and try to prevent the ascendancy of the devil and his works in night spots, juke joints and other such places, close to Mississippi's army training centers, shipyards ordnance plant and Civilian Conservation Camps.

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REPORT OF TRAINING UNION CONVENTION AT TUPELO, MISS. NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21

The State Baptist Training Union Convention met in the first session on Wednesday night, November 19. After the opening song service, the address of welcome was given by Mr. R. B. Turner of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo. The message from the president, Mr. H. A. Scott, was listened to with appreciation. Miss Winnie Buckels, of the State Department of Education, made a splendid talk on "Understanding the Liquor Problem." Mrs. Stanley Armstrong gave a most helpful and inspiring talk on "The Baptist Training Union on the Offensive." Beautiful moving pictures were shown by Mr. Frank Skilton. The Oxford young people, under the direction of Miss Marion Leavell, made a fine contribution to the musical program.

The Thursday morning session was opened with a song service led by Rev. J. H. Street, with Mrs. Street at the piano. A fine devotional was brought by Rev. V. Ward Barr, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Corinth, after which Dr. D. A. McCall brought a message on the need of mission work in Mississippi. This was followed by the speaking contest by the young people's groups from different sections of the state. Miss Dorothy Leung of China and Miss Ruth Garcia of Argentina brought messages concerning work done in their native lands. The address, "Conquering With Christ," by Dr. Sadler was listened to with interest and appreciation. Excellent music was given by the Clarksdale trio and with Mrs. Street at the piano and Mrs. George W. Davis, organist of Calvary Church, at the organ.

At 12:30 a bountiful and delicious banquet was served in the basement of the church. During this time, an entertaining program of music, songs, readings and stunts was presented by various groups.

During the conferences which began at 2 o'clock, many practical and worthwhile plans and programs were discussed, led by the able leaders who

were in charge. Many expressed themselves as having received many valuable helps and suggestions from these conferences.

At the evening session on Thursday night, the committees made their reports. The nominating committee made the following recommendations and the following officers were elected for the next year: Mr. Kermit Cofer, of Water Valley, president; Rev. J. Niles Puckett, of Brooksville, vice president; Mrs. O. C. Rogers, Collins, secretary, and Miss Mary Frances Skilton, publicity chairman.

The juvenile talent parade showed some outstanding talent among the young people of the state. This is always an interesting and enjoyable feature of the convention.

Again on Thursday night, Dr. Geo. W. Sadler brought a splendid message on "Rebuilding a Broken World."

At the Friday morning session, the drills among representatives of the different districts were held. This was followed by an excellent talk by Rev. W. A. Bell of Parkway Church, Jackson, on Training Union Work.

The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock with everyone feeling that this was one of the best conventions, and with prospects brighter than ever for a new year's work.

The Training Union Convention expressed thanks to Calvary Church and its able leaders and to the people of Tupelo for the cordial and generous hospitality which was extended them during their stay in the city.

—BR—

A good-natured traveler asked a Pullman porter the amount of his average tip. The negro replied that the average amount was one dollar. The man handed him a one dollar bill. The porter creased the bill affectionately and said, "Yassuh, boss, but yo' is de fust person what has come up to do average."

—BR—

A woman wearing an off-the-face hat she had just bought asked her negro cook how she liked it.

"It's a right pretty hat," the cook gave judgment. "But it suah do make yo' face public."

SOME CHURCHES NEED HELP

We have a number of Baptist churches in Mississippi which need financial help. I am now thinking of rural churches. Conditions have so changed in many rural communities as to bring on church problems which did not exist several years ago. Rural schools have consolidated in every section of our state. These schools were, as a rule, located by a Baptist church. These schools have been moved several miles away. I know some of them to have been moved as far as fifteen miles away. This has in a large way crippled the community spirit and in some cases killed it. This has come about by centering attraction at the consolidated school building. This has influenced church attendance and activity in a large way. Especially with school children and some parents. The children are carried in a school bus to school but they are not carried to church in this way. This within itself constitutes a real church problem.

Many of these churches are much weaker than they were several years ago. They pay about the same salary, some less, than they did when the pastor went to them horse-back or in a buggy. This makes it almost impossible for the pastor. Many of these churches were once preached to by a preacher who lived on his farm and made much of his living there. This is now almost impractical. These churches must have a pastor if they shall continue to exist. The pastor must have a salary sufficient to live on if he carries on. As I see it the State Mission Board must contribute to the pastor's salary until these churches readjust themselves and get a vision of their importance and possibility.

It is a hard matter to get pastoral support from the Baptist State Convention Board. I believe more money in the treasury would help solve this problem. But the board has an iron-clad rule that makes it rather difficult if not almost impossible for some churches to get this needed help. The rule is, in order to get pastoral support the church must put on an every member canvass and secure pledges for denominational support. I am not for this rule and as a member of the board have voted against it every opportunity I have had to do so. I grant that this method will

save some money, but we are not doing mission work in order to save some money. The objects to be saved are the churches and pastors. This method is all right for the well developed churches, but they do not need the help. I believe the New Testament principle is to look for these churches, see what their needs are and gladly and freely give them a helping hand. Rom. 12:8 says "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity."

I wish to close this article by saying that I do not receive any help from our State Mission Board at this time nor at any time during the last twenty-five years. I have no selfish motive in holding this view. It is my conviction that we must help many of these churches or we will lose them.

B. E. PHILLIPS,
New Hebron, Miss.
—BR—

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
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WHAT THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT OF THE CHURCH

Only the practical aspects of this subject can be discussed in this brief article. The Christian College bears to the church the relation of the child to father. It was born of the church, nurtured by the church, and at times has been disciplined by the church. We pray the day will not dawn when the child becomes so mature that it loses its respect, love, and reverence for the parent, the church. If and when such a state obtains, the above relation is broken and the father also suffers while the prodigal is away.

Since the church has brought the Christian college into existence, the church should assume responsibility for its continuity, its impoverishment, or its death. The Christian college must look to the church for its financial support if it is to remain closely allied with the church. Higher education has become more costly in recent years. So real and threatening has this fact become that Robert Hutchins has predicted the exhaustion of the large endowments of many of our large universities within the near future. This trend is revealed in the yearly enlarged appropriations of local, state and federal governments to public higher institutions of learning. Not only is the cost on the increase but the government is assuming yearly a larger proportion of the increased cost. In 1927-1928, 61.9% of the cost of higher education in publicly controlled institutions was covered by local, state, and federal governments. In 1937-1938, 69.6% of the cost of higher education in publicly controlled institutions was paid by the local, state, and federal governments, leaving only about 30% to be paid by other agencies and students. In 1927-1928 student fees constituted 18.1% of total receipts in publicly controlled schools. In 1937-1938 student fees constituted only 17.8% of total receipts of publicly controlled institutions. In privately controlled institutions in 1927-1928 student fees constituted 48.7% of total receipts. In privately controlled institutions in 1937-1938 student fees constituted 50.7% of the total receipts. These facts increase the difficulty of the Christian college in furnishing equal benefits and advantages when larger financial demands are made on the student; and therefore to save financially the student often goes to the state institution. Unless the church so teaches and guides, the student does not see that the Christian PLUS which is to be had in the Christian college is worth the difference.

Whether or not we may consider it right or wrong, money is the yard stick of measurement now being used by our standardizing agencies for colleges. It is money that makes possible better and more modern equipment for science halls. It is money that gives increase to library facilities. It is money that affords an endowment that gives the colleges respectable, creditable, and accredited rating.

In this day when these two agencies of the Kingdom need to be so closely affiliated, the church cannot afford to try to grow a Christian college of service and respectability on the support of yesterday. A year ago Douglass Freeman said at a meeting in Atlanta, "I do not expect the pri-

vate, unendowed college to live more than another decade." A few years ago E. V. Hollis of Columbia University said, "Within the next two decades it is probable that the history of higher education will record a change from philanthropic to tax support that will parallel the development of American secondary education during the past fifty years." According to the statistics of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in its report of May, 1938, Southern Baptists in the twenty year period from 1918-1938 were forced to close, for different reasons, fifty-three of its one hundred twenty schools.

The genius of our democracy—the church its greatest protagonist—forbids the church school's receiving funds from secular governments. As a result the church must provide more liberally for maintenance and growth so the church related college may keep step, in some degree, with the enlarging program of American education. The state systems of higher learning have gone into great programs of expansion. The ease with which federal aid may be secured has given impetus to this movement. The Christian college should not try to go all the way with the State University; however, an increased financial support is necessary to make possible its continuity and growth in the educational program for Christian citizenship as delimited by its very nature and purpose of existence. The Christian college must be properly nurtured by the church, or according to history, it will be forced to find a foster parent, or die. The Christian college needs increased income not merely, nor primarily, to meet requirements of standardizing agencies but to meet competition in lower tuition and better facilities now being offered by other colleges.

The Christian college has a right to

FAVORITE HYMN OF BAPTIST SAILOR

WHEN I GET TO THE END OF THE WAY

The sands have been washed in the footprints
Of the Stranger on Gallilee's shore,
And the voice that subdued the rough billows
Will be heard in Judea no more.
But the path of that lone Gallilean
With joy I will follow today;
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

There are so many hills to climb upward,
I often am longing for rest;
But He Who appoints me my pathway
Knows just what is needful and best.
I know in His Word He hath promised
That my strength, "it shall be as my day";
And the toils of the road will seem nothing,
When I get to the end of the way.

—Charles Tillman.

DOWN TO SEA



LAWRENCE SILLS, JR.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE OF BAPTIST SAILOR

Teachers and mothers who plant in the hearts of little boys the Word of God are doing a blessed service. This Scripture, hid in his heart as a small lad, stayed with Lawrence Sills, Jr., in the awful hours he was afloat alone, on the vast, cold Atlantic in the darkness before dawn. Time spent in such activities will mean far more than empty pleasures that fill the lives of many who could invest their efforts in Christian service that will bring rich eternal harvests. Sills' favorite Scripture is as follows:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

—Psalm 100.

expect the patronage of the church in STUDENTS. This claim is based upon the origin, purpose, and program of the college. The church, for the sake of the future, founded the Christian schools, and training Christian leadership for the future was the dominant factor in the curricula of these colleges. The purpose of the Christian college is to fulfill the mission for which the church gave it birth, that of giving back to the church a leadership, sane, intelligent, trained intellectually, morally, and spiritually, and consecrated to the task of bringing in the reign of Christ in the hearts of men. To this end the college, not only in its department of Religion, but through every expression of its life, should be unreservedly and unquestionably committed.

Its program, therefore, is Christ-centered. Around Him should revolve every phase of college life. Christian training is paramount. All else is secondary. The method of teaching each truth as related to ultimate truth is the method of the Christian college. The program of the college may be deficient as its achievements may be measured in terms of material equipment, but being Christ-centered and spiritually energized, it abounds in high ideals and motives. The Christian college seeks to build its program undergirded and permeated with the spiritual forces which Jesus imparted to the world. It seeks to impregnate life with these forces, to send its pupils out better fitted to contribute to society's needy store of righteousness, justice, purity and happiness and to serve the world in that which is highest and best. Observe the contribution the Christian College has made to society and at once you are aware that with such limited resources at hand only the presence and leadership of His spirit could make possible such results.

The further solicitude of the college

for the church's prayers and abiding interest arises in part from the magnitude of the challenge to the college for giving back to the church a Christ-minded leadership at home and abroad. On the campuses of our colleges many students for the first time become interested in Christian work. These students, through personal service, come to see the fields white unto harvest around the world. In such an atmosphere there is soul-searching, self-examination, and the dedication of life to Christ in total surrender. It is no wonder that one-eighth of the foreign missionaries of Southern Baptists, at one time, was from the campus of one of these colleges. It is no wonder that soon after the fate of the Zam Zam was known, another ship sailed the same waters for Africa with missionaries for the Dark Continent. Among these missionaries were young people from campuses of Christian colleges. Through the influence of the morning watch, vespers, the Master's minority group, and the association with prayer mates they had come to say with Paul: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ." Unlimited illustrations could be given if time permitted showing how the pervading influence of the Christian spirit on the campus has turned many lives from anticipated lucrative, secular, avocations at home to the lands of night and spiritual destitution.

The need of intelligent, vital, creative leadership to guide the church in these times to new victories is paramount. May God grant us the information and the intelligence to know His will and the consecration and courage to do it, in this tragic hour of world need.

—BEN INGRAM,
Hartsville, S. C.

MOTHER MISSISSIPPI

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Crowned with singing stars,
Rainbowed with a future,
Not a shadow mars,

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Proud and peerless state,
Here's a tribute to you,
Good and true and great.

May your sons and daughters
Till the end of time
Wreath your brow with laurels,
Frame your name with rhyme.

Love and serve and shield you,
Keep you good and great,
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DAVID E. GUYTON,
Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

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LIKE GOD WHEN WE GIVE

There was once a very small child who was permitted, in his morning's walk, to take out one or more pennies to buy two buns at the bakery. One day he forgot his pennies, so he left his sister and nurse and hurried to the bake shop and said to the woman behind the counter, "Please, may I have my buns today? I have no money. Does it matter?" The woman looked down on the little fellow and said, "No, you shall have them, dear," and gave him the buns as usual. Then he stopped for a moment and, looking up into her face, said, "You are like God, you give without money and without price." He then ran home and told his mother what had happened. She was very pleased in a way, but knew that it was not the right thing to do, so she began to teach him that he must pay his debts, because the woman in the bake shop did not get the buns for nothing. He looked at his mother and said: "I have been thinking that though she gives like God, she does not have all the silver and gold like pennies to her." So he was permitted to turn back through the snow and pay the debt to the woman who had given like God.

I hope you have caught the meaning of this little story. We are like God when we give.—Alfred Barratt in The Presbyterian.

RUSSIA ASKS FOR THE BIBLE
Greatest Missionary Opportunity
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By Louie D. Newton
Associate Secretary, Baptist
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Dr. Francis C. Stifler, Editorial secretary of the American Bible Society, called from his New York office last Friday afternoon, and read me the following Radiogram:

"Have permission distribute Scriptures Russian prisoners (stop) May we place first order thirty thousand New Testaments (stop) Cost three thousand two hundred fifty dollars."

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The thirty thousand New Testaments have been ordered, and will soon be in the hands of thousands of Russian prisoners, and through them to countless other Russians, in the army and among the civilians.

We have been praying for an open door for the Gospel in Russia. The door has opened. Will we enter? No man can estimate the meaning of this open door to the hungry hearts of millions of our neighbors in Russia. "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple." Psalm 119:130.

I made the announcement of this appeal to my own church Sunday morning, November 30, stating that we would receive our offering next Sunday, December 7, when our brethren throughout the Southern Baptist Convention would be making their offerings, and already I have received a sizeable sum of money, many hearing the announcement over the radio and telephoning and telegraphing their gifts. All we raise beyond the amount for this first thirty thousand copies of the New Testament will be used to provide additional copies of the New Testament for Russia.

Please remit your offerings immediately to your State Secretary, designated for Russian Bibles, and send me the amount sent in order that I may make an early report of gifts, by

GLOSTER BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

Several weeks ago the call went out to the men of our church to attend a Brotherhood banquet. At the appointed hour thirty-eight men assembled in the Banquet Hall and were served a delicious dinner prepared by the members of the Women's Missionary Union. After singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," Brother C. Adams led in prayer. A splendid fellowship prevailed around the table and after the dinner the brethren were ready for the spiritual things that were to follow. The devotional was conducted by Hon. J. T. Lowrey. He read the Scriptures and brought a message challenging men always to serve God. Music was rendered by the Quartet: H. T. Huddleston, E. M. Causey, W. L. Umberger, Jr., and E. A. Zeigler.

Mr. Jesse Adams served as toastmaster and presented the pastor, Rev. C. Lee Bullard, who explained the nature of the meeting and expressed the desire of organizing a Brotherhood before the close of the program. He also presented the speaker for the evening, Mr. G. A. Robertson, District chairman of the Brotherhood in Louisiana, and a member of the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. He brought a message that was sane, sensible, and deeply spiritual. At the close of the address a motion prevailed to perfect an organization. The following brethren were elected: President, W. L. Umberger, Sr.; Membership Vice President, Dr. V. A. Lea; Program Vice-President, Everett Cole; Activities Vice-President, Jesse Adams; Secretary-Treasurer, B. F. Stokes.

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By Prof. A. E. Tibbs

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Religious Art at B. B. I.

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Every person, who gave to it had a part in it.

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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION
Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi

A CONVENTION RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT TO REPORT

We recommend:

1. That this convention go on record as favoring and urging the raising of a special fund of \$25,000, among the Baptists of Mississippi. Said sum to be used for religious work among the soldiers and government defense workers within our state.
2. Said fund to be collected and expended by the State Convention Board or by the Executive Committee of the Board.
3. That the Executive Committee of the Board, with the Executive Secretary, prepare an informational tract setting out the urgency of the need and how we may best minister to the spiritual needs of the soldiers within the state.
4. Said offering to be known as Baptist Christmas Offering to soldier work fund.
5. That the churches be urged to gather the offering December 14 through December 21.

Signed by the Committee:

J. H. STREET
J. D. THOMPSON
W. C. HOWARD
CLAUDE BOWEN
D. A. HOGAN
W. L. MEADOWS, Chairman.